

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel
FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein
SUBJECT: Credentialing of ALS Clinicians



This FCGO replaces and rescinds FCGO 16-06, ALS Riding Requirements

It is the goal of the MCFRS to assure that all Advanced Life Support (ALS) clinicians maintaining credentials as part of the MCFRS Emergency Medical Services Operational Program (EMSOP) have the opportunity to remain competent in their clinical knowledge, skills, and abilities. All MCFRS ALS clinicians must be ready to care for patients as the sole provider of ALS throughout all phases of a typical patient encounter (assessment, treatment, transportation, and documentation).

All MCFRS ALS clinicians must participate in MCFRS mandated minimum ALS continuing education requirements as defined via periodic announcements from EMIHS and/or PSTA leadership. In general, these requirements will include sessions related to the National Registry of Paramedics biennial National Core Curriculum Paramedic recertification requirements, regular jurisdictional skills verification sessions, and jurisdictionally mandated sessions regarding new devices, pharmaceuticals, operational matters, or protocols. These requirements will meet and exceed both MIEMSS and National Core Curriculum Paramedic recertification requirements.

Announcements regarding continuing education requirements will clearly articulate due dates and compliance measures.

MCFRS ALS clinicians who do not meet all the above requirements for activity and competency will lose credentials and be disaffiliated with MCFRS. MIEMSS and the National Registry will be notified of this change of status and the ALS clinician will be responsible for compliance with all state and National Registry requirements that will arise as a result.

Adjustments of this requirement may be granted by the Medical Director in consideration of special circumstances, not limited to the following situations: extended illness, injury, administrative, military, or light duty.

For further questions or clarification, contact the EMIHS Section Chief or the Training Section Chief.