



**North Country
Regional Emergency Medical
Advisory Committee**

Policy Statement

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Pursuant to Part 800.11 Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certification, (b) No person certified pursuant to these regulations or required to be certified (see Article 30 PHL) shall practice above the level of emergency medical technician-basic except as part of an advanced life support system.

All Advanced Life Support (AEMT, EMT-CC, or Paramedic) Non-transporting and transporting services and personnel providing said level of care in the NCEMS Medical Control System (Jefferson, Lewis, and Saint Lawrence counties) fall under the medical oversight of the North Country REMAC.

Privilege extended to provide this level of care is dependent on meeting and maintaining all credentialing and CME requirements as required by REMAC for said agency and all advanced level personnel. Any agency not able to maintain advanced level personnel and requirements are subject to downgrade in level of service capabilities under one or more of the following conditions:

- **Agency Request:** an agency who is unable to meet the AEMT/ALS requirements may request a downgrade in service. The request must be in writing on company letterhead and signed by the executive officer. The request should be addressed to the NCEMS REMAC c/o NCEMS Program Agency.
- **ALS Personnel Request for “Inactive Status”:** If said agency’s only ALS provider requests to be placed in “inactive Status”, the agency will be notified by the NCEMS Program Agency via certified mail. If within 30 days from signing of the letter the provider has not returned to “Good Standing” status and/or no other ALS provider(s) have become member(s) of said agency it will be necessary to downgrade the service to the BLS level of care. All ALS equipment and/or medications will be removed from all emergency service vehicles of said agency.



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To be re-instated as an ALS service, the agency must complete the agency upgrade process as established by REMAC.

The NCEMS Program Agency will notify the County EMS Office and DOH of the Downgrade in service.