

OMD Recertification

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CURRENT REGULATION (12VAC5-31-1810):

A Physician wishing to serve as an EMS agency operational medical director (OMD) or an EMS training program physician course director (PCD) shall hold current endorsement as an EMS physician issued by the Office of EMS. In order to be considered eligible for endorsement as an EMS physician the following rules apply:

A physician seeking endorsement as an EMS physician shall hold a current unrestricted license to practice medicine or osteopathy issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine. The applicant must submit documentation of his qualifications for review on a form prescribed by the Office of EMS. The documentation required shall present evidence of the following:

1. Board certification in emergency medicine or that applicant is in the active application process for board certification in emergency medicine issued by a national organization recognized by the Office of EMS, or board certification in family practice, internal medicine, or surgery or is in the active application process for board certification in family practice, internal medicine, or surgery issued by a national organization recognized by the Office of EMS. As an applicant under this section, a physician must also submit documentation of successful course completion or current certification in ACLS, ATLS, and PALS or present documentation of equivalent education in cardiac care, trauma care, and pediatric care completed within the past five years.
2. Completion of an EMS medical direction program approved by the Office of EMS prior to submitting application for consideration of endorsement as an EMS physician.
3. In the event that an EMS agency or training program is located in a geographic area that does not have available a physician meeting the requirements stated in subdivisions 1 or 2 of this section, or if an EMS agency has a specific need for a physician meeting specialized knowledge requirements (i.e., pediatrics, neonatology, etc.), then an available physician may submit his qualifications to serve as an EMS physician under these circumstances. An EMS physician endorsed under this subsection by the Office of EMS is limited to service within the designated geographic area or agency.

A physician seeking endorsement under this section must provide documentation of successful course completion or current certification in cardiac care, trauma care, and pediatric care or equivalent education such as ACLS, ATLS and PALS completed within one year of endorsement. All or part of this requirement may be waived if the Office of EMS determines this training is not required due to the specialized nature of the EMS agency to be served.

ENDORSEMENT PROCESS:

1. Complete the VA OEMS Application for Physician Endorsement. To download a current form [Click here](#)
2. Make a photocopy of your current, unrestricted license to practice medicine or osteopathy issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine.
3. Make a photocopy of your appropriate board certification OR copies of your ACLS, PALS and ATLS certification cards.
4. Attach the documentation required in #2 and #3 above, to your OEMS application and mail it to the following address:

Rappahannock EMS Council
435 Hunter Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

REMS staff will secure the Regional EMS Council signatures and deliver the package to OEMS on behalf of the physician. The Office of EMS will process the application and issue the appropriate credentials.

LAPSE OF EMS PHYSICIAN ENDORSEMENT (12VAC5-31-1840):

A. If an EMS physician fails to reapply for endorsement prior to expiration, the Office of EMS will notify the EMS physician and any EMS agency or training course that the EMS physician is associated with of the loss of endorsement. Any training programs already begun may be completed under the direction of the involved EMS physician, but no other programs may be started or announced.

B. Any EMS agency notified of the loss of their OMD's EMS physician endorsement will be required to immediately obtain the services of another endorsed EMS physician to serve as operational medical director pursuant to Part II (12VAC5-31-300 et seq.) of these regulations.

C. Upon loss of EMS physician endorsement, a new endorsement may only be issued upon completion of the application requirements of these regulations

RENEWAL OF ENDORSEMENT (12VAC5-31-1860):

A. Continued endorsement as an EMS physician requires submission of an application for renewal to the Office of EMS before expiration of the five-year endorsement period. Renewal of an EMS physician endorsement is based upon the physician's continuing to meet and maintain the qualifications specified in 12VAC5-31-1810.

B. Completion of equivalent related continuing education programs may be substituted for formal certification in ACLS, ATLS and PALS for the purposes of endorsement renewal. Acceptance of these continuing education hours is subject to approval by the Office of EMS.

C. An EMS physician must also attend a minimum of two "Currents" sessions as sponsored by OEMS within the five-year endorsement period.

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