

**Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC)**

REMAC Advisory Number: 01-2019

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Re: ACLS and Pediatric Certifications for Critical Care and Paramedic Providers

Purpose: To ensure our advanced providers competently provide patients with a nationally recognized standard of care.

Background: While ACLS guidelines are reflected in our protocols, and often referred to by providers and Medical Control, online Critical Care Technicians and Paramedics are not currently required by the REMAC to hold and maintain a valid ACLS certification card. Additionally, while pediatric calls are low in frequency but high in risk, the REMAC does not currently require online Critical Care Technicians and Paramedics to hold and maintain a valid an advanced pediatric certification, such as PALS and EPC.

Advisory: Effective January 31, 2021, all online Critical Care Technicians and Paramedics must hold and maintain the following certifications:

- 1) American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- 2) American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) OR any other nationally recognized advanced pediatric certification.

Failure to maintain these certifications will result in an immediate suspension of Regional ALS online privileges.

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