

**Qualifications of the  
Community Paramedic  
Medical Director**

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**The primary goal of the  
community paramedic program  
is to improve patient care.**

**All of the other benefits to  
hospitals, ambulance services  
and individual providers will  
follow if we adhere to this goal.**

The most obvious benefit is cost savings to the hospitals.

Another benefit is better utilization of provider resources.

A clinician's perspective  
regarding the Health Care  
System.

Poor patient compliance  
for  
any reason is not good  
medicine.

The proper practice of Medicine  
demands  
patient compliance.

The reality is that some patients cannot or will not follow a treatment plan or take prescribed medications properly.

Early or unnecessary hospital admissions or readmissions is not good medicine.



Unnecessary trips to the  
Emergency Room is  
not good medicine.

Unnecessary use of the  
ambulance service for  
any reason is not good medicine.

Even if these issues were  
affordable they still need  
to be addressed because  
they are not good medicine.

That is where the  
community paramedic program  
enters along with the need  
for  
medical directors.

Medical Director is vital in  
this program and that person  
is key to instituting and  
maintaining excellence.

There are no state wide  
community paramedic  
programs.

There are many individually  
run programs within several  
states.

The qualifications were unique  
for each community paramedic  
medical director  
and  
published qualifications are  
very general.

Medical Director must be involved in all aspects of the program.



We will have to write our  
own rules with the  
understanding that we  
will have a very varied  
participating group.

It is voluntary!

This physician must be  
Board Certified in a  
specialty that is involved  
in direct patient contact.

Must have an active Arkansas  
state license and must maintain  
his license and board certification.

# Program Aspects

- Training
- Provider selection
- Quality assurance
- Evaluation of goals and objectives

The Arkansas Department  
of Health

must be involved in the  
Medical Director selection.

The State EMS Medical Director

will represent the  
Department of Health