



Critical care begins in the street

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Credentialing Renewal

Credentialing is the process by which you will establish an oversight relationship with an EMS Medical Director. This process allows the Medical Director to attest to your clinical competency and define your scope of practice.

- It demonstrates that you are maintaining *at least* minimal competency in the knowledge, skills, and abilities relevant to your clinical role in the health care system.
- It ensures that you are connecting your initial and continuing education learning with your job performance.
- Credentialing is part of our assurance to our municipal representatives and the general public that you have met a system-defined minimally acceptable level of competence.

This process is consistent with national recommendations jointly published by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and the National Association of EMTs (NAEMT). Credentials are granted for a period of two years, however the Medical Director retains the option to deny any credential, issue a credential with restrictions, or issue a credential for a shortened period in unusual circumstances. Credentialing will be tracked on the Regions Hospital MyLearning system (similar to other certifications such as ACLS, CPR, etc).

The ALS (Advanced Life Support) level of credentialing is designed for advanced level providers who deliver advanced life support. ALS providers are granted permission for a more extensive list of medications, intravenous access, electrical cardiac therapy, and advanced airway management such as endotracheal intubation. The minimum state certification for this credentialing level is Paramedic or RN (with critical care or ER experience). Additional endorsements are available for expanded scope of practice including RSI, Tactical EMS (TEMS), and Critical Care, depending on the needs of your agency.

The renewal requirements are listed on the next page. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Regions EMS office (EMSEducation@HealthPartners.com or 651-254-7780). We want this process to be fair and transparent and welcome your feedback.



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Renewal Process

ALS credentialing renewal with Regions EMS includes the following components:

- Verification of active practice status
- Completion of required education modules
- Guideline exam
- Integration scenario

ALS credentialing renewal is primarily accomplished through an activity called Critical Thinking Lab. This is required of all ALS providers in the Regions EMS system every 2 years. All of the hands-on skills verification and written guideline exam will occur during this session. Prior to this you will be assigned any required education modules through your Regions EMS MyLearning account or your agency's training management system.

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**Thank you
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