

*Genesee County Medical Control Authority*

System Protocols

ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

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## **Accreditation Requirements**

### **I. Purpose**

In order to meet the highest professional quality and industry standards all transport agencies operating within Genesee County must be recognized by a national accreditation entity.

### **II. Requirements**

- a. All agencies shall receive accreditation by a national recognized EMS accrediting body that has been approved by the GCMCA\* before January 1, 2012 if they are a transporting agency operating in Genesee County.
- b. If a new agency is approved by the GCMCA to operate in Genesee County and have not previously received accreditation, they will be granted a two year grace period from the time they begin operation to obtain accreditation.

### **III. Non-Compliance**

- a. Any agency not obtaining accreditation within two years of obtaining GCMCA approval will lose all privileges to operate in Genesee County.
- b. Any agency or agency owner(s) losing privileges to operate in Genesee County due to not meeting the accreditation requirement will not be allowed to manage or operate an agency under any other name within Genesee County for a period of two (2) years. Additionally, if an agency or agency owner(s) loses its privileges to operate in Genesee County due to not meeting the accreditation requirement, another entity, in whole or part, of the original entity will not be permitted to operate in Genesee County for a period of two (2) years.
- c. Any current accredited agency that cannot meet the requirements for re-accreditation could be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.
- d. If an agency fails to achieve accreditation or was previously accredited and loses their accreditation, and they chose to appeal the decision of the accrediting agency, then they could be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

\*Currently the only accrediting body approved by the GCMCA is the Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS), but those wishing to seek accreditation from another body may petition the GCMCA to allow that body.