



**Mid-State
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory
Committee**

Policy Statement

**Re: Rapid Sequence
Intubation**

23-01

Purpose:

To provide a method for EMS Agencies and Paramedics who work within the Midstate Region to perform Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI). The Midstate Regional Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Policy 23-01 provides a pathway for EMS Agencies to participate in RSI and for Paramedics to be credentialed regionally. The authorization for a Paramedic to be regionally credentialed is contingent upon the completion of requirements set forth by this policy statement.

Agency Requirements:

In order for a provider to perform RSI, the provider must be regionally credentialed by the Midstate REMAC as an RSI Paramedic. In addition, the Provider must be operating within an agency who has met the following requirements:

- The EMS Agency must be certified by the NY State Department of Health at the Paramedic Level.
- The EMS Agency must have unrestricted authorization from the NY State Department of Health to carry and administer controlled substances.
- The EMS Agency must abide by the NYS Collaborative RSI Protocol and the details outlined within this policy.
- The EMS Agency must agree to provide the RSI Paramedic the proper medications and equipment detailed within this policy.
- The EMS Agency must agree to participate in the quality assurance requirements detailed by this policy.
- The EMS Agency must present to the Midstate REMAC written endorsement from their agency medical director to perform RSI to be kept on file at the Midstate EMS Program Agency.
- The EMS Agency must present to the Midstate REMAC written endorsement from their agency medical director to perform cricothyroidotomy to be kept on file at the Midstate EMS Program Agency.
- The EMS Agency must have an agreement to supply for RSI Medications approved by the Midstate REMAC to be kept on file at the Midstate EMS Program Agency.
- The EMS Agency must provide video Laryngoscopy that has the capability to record for quality assurance/ quality improvement.
- The EMS Agency must provide training on video laryngoscopy to RSI credentialed providers.

For an agency to maintain approval as an RSI agency after initial credentialing, the following must be met:

- The EMS Agency at all times must abide by the requirements listed above.
- The EMS Agency must demonstrate compliance with all of the quality assurance requirements detailed in this policy.
- The EMS Agency must continue to provide the necessary and proper medications and equipment detailed in the protocol on an ongoing basis.
- The EMS Agency must maintain approval from the Midstate REMAC, the EMS Agency Director and EMS Agency Medical Director.

Failure to maintain any of the above requirements must be reported to the Midstate REMAC by way of the Midstate EMS Program Agency within one (1) business day. In the event any of the above are not met, it may result in the suspension of the EMS Agencies RSI Approval.

Provider Requirements:

For a provider to be approved by the Midstate REMAC as an RSI Paramedic all of the following criteria must be met:

- The provider must currently hold a valid NY State Paramedic Certification.
- The provider must successfully complete one (1) three (3) year certification cycle prior to applying to become RSI Credentialed.
- The provider must have written endorsement to attain this credentialing by the EMS Agency Director and EMS Agency Medical Director, to be kept on file at the Midstate EMS Program Agency.
- The provider must complete the RSI credentialing application.
- The provider must successfully complete the education requirements set forth by this policy.
- The provider must successfully complete a REMAC approved difficult airway class.
- The provider must successfully complete the regional RSI Education.
- The provider must not have any founded quality assurance reviews within the last three years.

Once the above requirements have been met and the RSI Application has been submitted, the provider will be reviewed by the Midstate REMAC for approval. The Midstate REMAC maintains the right to deny RSI privileges to any provider for any reason. Once regionally credentialed, the RSI provider may **only** operate as a RSI paramedic when they are practicing with an agency that has been granted regional approval as an RSI agency and that provider has been approved by that agency to operate as a RSI paramedic within that agency.

For a provider to maintain credentialing as an RSI Paramedic, all of the following criteria must be met:

- The provider must maintain a current NY State Paramedic Certification.
- The provider must have continued support of the EMS Agency Medical Director, EMS Agency Director, and the Midstate REMAC.

- Regional credentialing is valid for three years (until December 31st of the third year after the initial or re-credentialing course).
 - RSI skills of credentialed Paramedics must be completed on a semi-annual basis in accordance with regional CME's skills verification. CME skills verification must be submitted to the Midstate Program Agency for tracking of credentialing.
- The provider must successfully complete the regional re-credentialing course for RSI Paramedics.

Education:

Initial and ongoing RSI education in the Midstate Region will occur via regionally approved education. The content of the initial and re-credentialing classes will be determined separately. In order for the provider to meet the initial and ongoing credentialing requirements, he or she must successfully complete the regionally approved CME via the Midstate Regional LMS System. In addition, the EMS provider must take the difficult airway management class once every three years for credentialing.

Quality Assurance:

The Midstate REMAC RSI quality assurance form must be completed for every instance and advanced airway management performed by a regionally credentialed RSI Paramedic operating with a regionally approved RSI agency (regardless of whether paralytics are administered).

The RSI Provider has the responsibility to complete the electronic patient care report (ePCR) and Midstate REMAC RSI quality assurance form by the end of the shift during which the patient was treated and notify the RSI Agency that an RSI form has been completed. Agency policy may implement additional QA procedures.

The RSI Agency has the responsibility to forward a copy of the ePCR and Midstate EMS quality assurance form to the Midstate EMS Program Agency within one business day.

The Midstate REMAC Chair will advise the Midstate REMAC of any concerns identified by the QA process that may benefit from modification of this policy. Any proposed changes to the protocol will be made in accordance with the collaborative protocol governance document and state law.

IN ORDER FOR AN RSI INTUBATION TO BE PERFORMED, THERE MUST BE AN RSI CREDENTIALLED PARAMEDIC AND A SECOND ALS PROVIDER PRESENT, WITH THE CAPABILITIES OF INTUBATING, PRESENT.