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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
MEDICAL DIRECTION**

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POLICY: Milwaukee County will provide on-line medical direction and medical oversight for municipal employees active in the provision of paramedic services.

The Medical Director for Milwaukee County has complete discretion regarding the acceptance of any individual, whose practice falls under the Medical Director's license, including the ability to withhold, suspend or completely terminate an individual's involvement in the Milwaukee County EMS System.

The Medical Director has authority on issues related to patient care and privileges of medical control for all paramedic and/or paramedic first response units or individuals operating under the Medical Director's license.

The Medical Director has the authority to suspend an ALS contract on 24 hours notice when, in the judgment of the Medical Director, a situation occurs that would prohibit the municipality from fulfilling its responsibility to provide services to residents at the level mandated by the EMS program and which cannot be corrected within a 24-hour time span.

PROCEDURE: In the event that the Medical Director determines a situation exists which jeopardizes the health and safety of county residents and which warrants execution of the county's right to suspend the contract under this section, the following procedure will be followed:

- The Medical Director will inform the municipality in writing of the situation that jeopardizes the safety and health of county residents and the intention of the County to suspend the paramedic contract for services within 24 hours unless the situation can be addressed and corrected within a time span not to exceed 24 hours from the time of notification.
 - The notification will include the date and exact time of suspension and will be delivered to the municipality in a manner that insures receipt of notification.
- The Medical Director will inform the County Executive's Office, the Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Needs, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Milwaukee County EMS of the decision to suspend the contract and provide a justification of the actions, including the anticipated actions required to insure continuous delivery of services to county residents.
- A full report of the situation will be made available to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive within 10 days following the execution of the County's right to suspend the contract. The report will include the situation warranting the suspension of the contract, the actions of the Medical Director to insure delivery of services to residents once the contract for services was suspended, the plans of the Medical Director to insure continued delivery of services to residents in the immediate future, and what, if any future contract changes would be required with the municipality or any other municipality with which County contracts for paramedic services to insure delivery of services.
- If the municipality wishes to maintain operation of the program, a plan to correct the situation in a time frame not to exceed the 24-hour time frame, must be presented to the Medical Director within 8 hours of receipt of notification.