

Amendments to Regulatory Bylaws

On June 4, 2010 the Minister of Health published his approval of amendments to *The Regulatory Bylaws Pursuant to the Paramedics Act*. These amendments were first proposed at the SCoP 2009 AGM in Kenaston and then were the subject of consultation both by SCoP and by the Ministry with key stakeholders.

Attached find a News Release, an excerpt from the *Saskatchewan Gazette* with the actual amendments, and an updated version of the *Regulatory Bylaws* with the amendments incorporated.

The key changes to the bylaws are as follows:

- Effective in 2011 for the 2012 licensure, certifications such as ITLS Advanced, ACLS and PALS or PEPP Advanced will be used to verify assessment of Advanced Life Support Skills. This will replace the current requirement to have Medical Advisors or their authorized delegates assess and sign off the ALS skills of members every second year. The Education Committee and then Council will now consider the specific policy changes which must occur to implement this bylaw. **It will not come into effect until next year.** Any ALS skills assessments required this year must be signed by a medical advisor or an authorized delegate of a medical advisor. Please note this makes no other change to the role of the Medical Advisor. Medical Advisors remain an important and valued member/leader of the EMS team.
- All SCoP members may now call themselves “paramedics”, and the terms primary care paramedic, intermediate care paramedic and advanced care paramedic may be used. The licences issued by SCoP have not changed. They will continue to be EMR, EMT, EMT-A and EMT-P as set out in the *Regulatory Bylaws*. But the “paramedic” titles may be used informally.
- EMR training requirements have been confirmed as they were implemented in 2009 (i.e. training which meets the NOCP competencies and is delivered by a provider approved by Council). The Red Cross and St. John Ambulance EMR programs have already been approved and meet this bylaw requirement. The requirements are now clearer should there be any other programs seeking approval to be used as entry level training for EMRs.
- Clarifying that members who have not had a practicing licence for two or more years must **either** take a re-entry program or provide proof that they have kept up their CME
- Licence renewal is due December 1st each year
- Members must keep CME files for 5 years and make them available for audit
- Members who fail to respond honestly and fully to a request for information from the College may be guilty of professional misconduct.