



# **WESTERN EAGLE COUNTY**

## **HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT**

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## Community Paramedic Medical Provider Talking Points

### *Opportunity Statement*

- CP visits can benefit high utilizers of the system
- CPs can see low acuity visits such as blood draws, oxygen saturation checks, ear checks, wound checks, and medication reconciliation
- CP can be the eyes and ears of the physicians in the patient's home
- CP visits can assist home bound patients that don't qualify for Home Care or Hospice
- CP visits can emphasize managing chronic illness (CHF, Asthma, Pneumonia, MI, etc)
- CPs can assist with health promotion and wellness activities.
- CPs can provide preventative services such as flu shots, home safety inspections, and fall risk assessments
- CPs can link patients to community resources and services to assist in providing collaborative care (public health, social services, economic resources, etc)
- CPs can assist with the large percentage of patients that delay accessing health services within the system until it is too late

### *Community Paramedic Solution*

The Community Paramedic (CP) model is an innovative, proven solution to provide high quality primary care and preventative services by employing a currently available and often underutilized healthcare resource.

### *How Does it Work?*

1. Identify a patient that could benefit from the program
2. The primary care partner refers the patient using the physician referral form (attached)
3. Fax the patient referral to the Community Paramedic Coordinator at **970-524-1771**
4. The CP Coordinator will contact the patient and schedule the visit based on the referral
5. The CP will provide the services in the home that are within their current scope of practice including: hospital discharge follow-up, home safety inspection, blood draws, oxygen saturation checks, medication reconciliation or wound care.
6. The CP will then communicate and fax health records back to the referring physician to ensure quality of care and appropriate oversight.

### *Advantages*

- Decreases workload and increases quality and efficiency of managing patients in a primary care and public health settings by utilizing EMS Personnel through non-traditional methods
- EMS personnel are integrated throughout the healthcare system, improving access and decreasing healthcare cost
- EMS personnel currently have the training, expertise and scope of practice to provide essential primary care services
- The program has a proven track record locally and internationally

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