1. **Policy Rationale & Purpose:**

Students that are currently enrolled in a Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) program or who have completed a recognized PCP training program may have to wait a number of months before they can attend a scheduled PCP licensing examination session. As PCP students, they have successfully completed training at a level higher than that of a recognized Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training program. Therefore, some PCP students awaiting their PCP licensing examinations may wish to gain employment and experience working as a licensed EMR for the months prior to their PCP examination. All candidates must successfully complete a licensing examination in order to provide any EMA services.

The purpose of this policy is to permit PCP candidates who are currently enrolled in a PCP program that are waiting to complete the clinical/preceptorship portion of their program or those that have successfully completed a PCP program and are waiting to complete the COPR entry to practice exam, an opportunity to complete the EMR licensing exams and obtain EMR licensure before or during the process of PCP licensing without obtaining an EMR certificate.

2. **Policy Scope**

This policy applies to PCP students that have, at minimum, successfully completed the classroom portion of an EMA Licensing Board recognized PCP program, or those that have completed the PCP program and are waiting to complete the COPR entry to practice exam.

3. **Policy Statement:**

Upon request for issuance of an applicant’s PCP student licence from a Board recognized training provider denoting that the applicant has successfully completed the classroom portion of the PCP program, the applicant will be considered to have completed a recognized EMR program and may apply for EMR licensure exams and obtain EMR licensure upon successful completion of the exam and application requirements. The applicant will have 12 months from the time the student licence is initially issued to successfully complete the following exams:

- EMR online written exam,
- Jurisprudence exam; and
- EMR practical exam.

Please note: Practical exams will not be scheduled until the applicant has successfully completed the EMR online written exam and the jurisprudence exam.

If the applicant at any time withdraws from the PCP program, the applicant is no longer eligible to challenge the EMR examinations.
4. Legal Authority:
   - Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 2(2)(c)(i)

5. Key Stakeholders:
   - EMA applicants
   - Board recognized training institutions

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