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August 18, 2023

Summer months seem to always move slowly at first and then suddenly pass quickly, as we observe our daylight hours slowly shortening. The beginning of a new school year leads many to reflect on the passage of time, and often moments that seemed to have just occurred, took place a year ago!

At this time of year, we begin to remind registrants of their annual obligations as self-regulated professionals. We hope you can make note of key dates, as you read this newsletter. As always please send any questions to our attention at [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca)

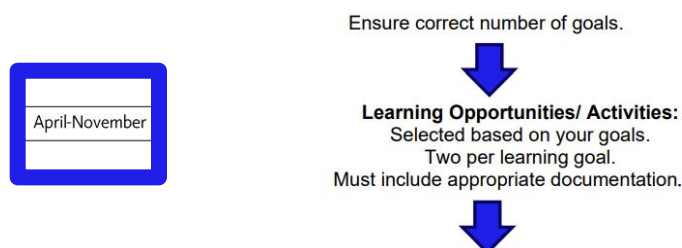
### Acknowledgement of Service

We want to acknowledge that the high call volumes and high proportion of trauma, that began our summer months, has unfortunately persisted over July and August. Thank you once again for all the service provided to the public of Manitoba, in all your roles. As we approach the Labour Day weekend, we know the public will again be thankful for the service provided by our registrants. Please continue to take care of yourselves and one another.

### Program of Continuing Competency

Hopefully you have by now all made your way to your Registrant portal and have found the 23/24 PCC module is available to complete all your continuing competency work. Information about PCC requirements are available [here](#).

At this stage of the practice year, you should now be at this phase of the PCC cycle:





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Please also be reminded that you will **not** be able to complete your registration renewal until you have fully completed and submitted all your PCC requirements in the registrant portal.

### Anatomy and Physiology Pre-Requisite

Paramedic program education standards have been modified and are effective June 30, 2023. The modification to these standards is in part due to the need to adequately prepare students to meet entry level requirements in a profession that is rapidly expanding its scope of practice. A new requirement for PCP and ACP programs is that incoming students must fulfill a pre-requisite of having a 6- credit hour post-secondary course of study in Human Anatomy and Physiology. Depending on the situation some exemptions are possible. More information is available by reading the College administrative policy on this requirement found [here](#).

### Update on College Bylaws

The most recent draft of the College Bylaws were sent to registrants for review and comment on July 19, 2023, with the closing date for feedback August 18, 2023. The Governance committee will review all comments received and consider if any further changes will be made. All College registrants will be able to vote on the Bylaws between September 11 – September 15, 2023.

### Professional Liability Insurance

Dependent on the provider of your professional liability insurance, the renewal for your insurance policy may take place during the Fall months. Please ensure you renew your policy when directed and once renewed, that the most current certificate of professional liability insurance is uploaded in your registrant portal.



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### Background Checks

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 20% of registrants will be selected to submit updated background checks, in compliance with the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and the College of Paramedics of Manitoba General Regulations. You will receive an email notification from the College if you have been selected by September 30, 2023. Please check your email Inbox closely during this period. The background checks will need to be uploaded during the renewal process that begins February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

### Spotlight on Practice Direction on Providing Care While off Duty

The Practice Direction on Providing Care While off Duty is found [here](#). Fast facts about this practice direction:

- Paramedics in Manitoba hold multiple roles with multiple organizations. When on duty it is important to know which role you may function in.
- There is a difference between scope of work and scope of practice and understanding the difference helps keep you safe in your practice.
- Know the difference between First Aide and Reserved Acts that are part of scope of practice.
- Case examples are provided to apply the requirements to practice.
- When you read this practice direction keep in mind how the content relates to other practice directions.
- If you have a specific question about Off Duty care, please contact us at [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca) and we would be pleased to provide consultation.

### Public Advisory Committee – Public Volunteer Opportunity

The Public Advisory Committee (PAC) is a standing committee reporting to Council. The committee will serve as a resource to Council and College staff on matters involving the public interest and assist the College in its public engagement strategy.

This committee will be comprised of three public members, who meet the definition of public representative as defined in the [policy](#). Members are appointed by the



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Appointments Committee of Council. Honorariums and expenses are provided for in keeping with College policies.

If you know someone who would be interested in volunteering for this committee please direct them to our [website](#) for full details on how to apply or if they would like to speak with a member of the College to learn more about this opportunity please email [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca).

### EMS Station/Community Visits

College Coordinators, Christine Ewacha and Leith Saunders, have been engaging registrants in their own communities/EMS stations over the past year. Their 2-hour interactive presentation is a great forum for clarification of college practices, requirements, and obligations. Over July and early August presentations were provided to new recruit classes at WFPS.

As this Newsletter is being written and sent, visits to Thompson, Nelson House, Flin Flon, Swan River, Cross Lake, and The Pas are taking place.

In early September visits to MESC and Shilo will take place.

### Computer Assistance?

If you require any assistance with navigating information on the College website or in your registrant portal, please contact the college at any time and we are happy to help.

We also have a computer available in the office that may be used by registrants at any time. This might be particularly beneficial to those who work in rural and remote regions of the province, with intermittent internet access. If you are wanting to use our space, please schedule an appointment by emailing us at [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca).



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### Are you a Gmail User?

If you are a Gmail user, please continue to learn the unique features found in the Gmail system, that unfortunately do result in lost emails. As you may have found out though, Gmail comes with many unique features for inbox management and that also leads to college emails easily becoming lost. There are many tutorials and here is one that might be helpful: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD7H4p\\_luvs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD7H4p_luvs)

Emails may be sent from one of these addresses. Please ensure you add these to your safe senders list:

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[programadmin@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:programadmin@collegeparamb.ca)  
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### Upcoming Dates

September 4, 2023 – Office closure, Labour Day

September 15, 2023 – Registrants selected for submission of Background Checks.

September 27, 2023 – CPMB Annual General Meeting (AGM)

September 27, 2023 – September Council Meeting

September 30, 2023 – Registrants notified of Background Check requirements

October 9, 2023 – Office closure, Thanksgiving Day

January 1, 2024 – Registrants to upload new certificates of PLI for the 2024 year

February 1, 2024 – Registration Renewal begins. PCC must be completed and submitted prior to registration renewal