

Community Paramedicine: Bridging Gaps in Care



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Who or what is Community Paramedicine?

A Community Paramedic supports existing health services by providing integrated health services in partnership with other health professionals. The Community Paramedic extends access to health services delivery in underserved and general populations, including primary care, public health, disease management, preventions, and wellness.



Community Paramedicine: Bringing Care Closer to Home

- At HGH EMS Rescue, we believe healthcare starts with **wellness, prevention, and timely response**.
- For over 35 years, we've served more than **19,000 residents** across rural Nevada and southern Oregon with **24/7 emergency care**—no matter the terrain or weather.
- Our **Community Paramedic Program** builds on this tradition by:
 - **Extending care** beyond emergencies
 - **Connecting people to local services**
 - **Supporting wellness at home**
 - **Partnering with healthcare providers** to fill gaps in primary care, disease management, and prevention
- We're here to make healthcare **more accessible, more personal, and closer to home**—especially for those in **underserved rural areas**.

Our Services



Education about your
medical **conditions** &
discharge



Monitor vital signs



Pill box organization



Immunizations



Wellbeing checks



Home safety
assessment



Wound care and
catheter replacement



Lab Work

We work incoordination with:



- Primary care providers
- Home care agencies
- Pharmacies
- Social Services
- Community Services
- Laboratory
- Interpreter services
- Food Bank

Referrals

Community Paramedicine is based off referrals.

- Only providers such as physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants can make a referral
- Referrals can come from a primary care physician in office, an ER physician, or Hospitalist after admission

Community Paramedicine Referral Form
Humboldt General Hospital
Send completed referrals to cpreferral@hghospital.org



Phone: 775.623.5222 Ext: 1687
Address: 118 E. Haskell St
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Referral Criteria: An individual may be referred who exhibits risk for 911 use, hospital readmission, etc. Check all categories that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> >4 911 calls in past 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted as an inpatient >2 times in past 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Inpatient Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Medical Condition(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension (HTN) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Myocardial Infarction (MI) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Please complete this form, including patient signature, to authorize HGH staff to contact the interested individual about potential program enrollment. - If you are interested in the program and you are NOT being referred by a healthcare provider, please call us directly to discuss program details.					
BASIC INFORMATION:					
Date of Referral:	Program End Date	Requested Date of Service	Patient Primary Language		
Patient Name	First:	Last:	FIN:	DOB:	Gender:
Physical Street Address:		City/State:	Zip Code:	Phone:	
DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION:			PREVENTION ASSESSMENTS REQUESTED:		
Diagnosis 1:			<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition		
Diagnosis 2:			<input type="checkbox"/> Social Evaluation/ Social Support		
Diagnosis 3:			<input type="checkbox"/> Home Safety Inspection (Fall hazards/ General Safety)		
Reason for visit:			<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Evaluation (Respiratory)		
CLINICAL CARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):					
Cardiovascular:		Respiratory:		General:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Pressure Check		<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma Meds/ Education/ Compliance		<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment/ History	
<input type="checkbox"/> EKG 12 Lead		<input type="checkbox"/> CPAP		<input type="checkbox"/> Post MI Assessment/ Follow-Up	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peripheral Intravenous Line Start/Assessment		<input type="checkbox"/> MDI use		<input type="checkbox"/> Medication Evaluation and Adherence	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Nebulizer Usage/ Compliance		<input type="checkbox"/> Post Injury/ Illness Evaluation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Peak Flow Meter Education/ Usage		<input type="checkbox"/> Post Stroke Assessment/ Follow-Up	
Follow-Up/ Post Discharge:		<input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen Saturation Check		<input type="checkbox"/> Urinary Catheter Change	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic Follow-Up/ Education		<input type="checkbox"/> Capnography Reading			
<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Assessment					
<input type="checkbox"/> Dressing Change/ Wound Check (Provide details i.e. location, frequency, type of dressing, supplies needed)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood draw / Labs (Attach order)					
VISIT REQUEST DETAIL:					
REFERRAL SOURCE:			PATIENT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION:		
<input type="checkbox"/> PCP Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Acute Care Facility: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Provider:			Authorizing the referral source to share your personal information with HGH EMS. HGH will contact you regarding potential enrollment in the Community Healthcare Integrated Paramedicine Program.		
Contact Phone/Email:			Contact Phone/Email:		
Name:			Name:		
Signature:			Signature:		

Hospital Discharge

- Review health history and obtain orders from provider
- Review discharge instructions and directions
- Organize and discuss new medications
- Review when to call provider and 911
- Follow up visits to assure continued wellness and prevent readmission



Resources

Community Paramedicine can connect patients to the following services:

- Transportation (RSVP, Senior center)
- Food (Food bank, meals on wheels)
- Medicaid or Medicare assistance
- Skilled facility placement assistance
- Home health and home making services

Thank You!



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