

What is a community EMT?

A Community EMT (CEMT) works within a community to increase access to primary and preventative care, and decreasing the need for some patients to utilitze the Emergency Department.

CEMTs provide care in a non-urgent setting (i.e. a patient's home), and work under the supervision of a Physician. In Minnesota that can include Post-Discharge and Safe Home Evaluation visits

What is a Post-Discharge visit?

A post discharge visit occurs when the patient's primary care provider (PCP) orders a visit shortly after a patient is discharged from hospital or nursing home. The visit would include:

- Providing the member with verbal or visual reminders of the discharge orders
- Recording and reporting the member's vital signs to the member's primary care provider
- Confirming the member has medication access
- Confirming the member has food access
- Identifying home hazards

What is a Safe Home Evaluation Visit?

A Safe Home Evaluation Visit occurs when the patient's PCP orders one due to warning signs. For example, a visit can be ordered for a patient that calls 911 repeatedly for falling, or other patients (as identified by the PCP) who are at risk nursing home placement.

The CEMT would:

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- Confirm the member has food access
- Identify home hazards

How do I qualify to become an CEMT?

Emergency medical technicians who meet the following may enroll as CEMT providers:

- Are currently certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT) or advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT)
- Have two years of service as an EMT or AEMT
- Successfully completed an education program that includes education in providing culturally appropriate care
- Completed an Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) application form