

Dear EC,

You received an email on February 13<sup>th</sup> that provided a brief overview of the EMS Course delivery policy affecting programs starting on or after July 1, 2015. There were few details in the memo as it was designed to provide an initial notification.

For the most part, this change should have little to no affect on conducting initial EMS certification courses. You are not required to change the format used to conduct initial certification courses. It does however open up other avenues of course delivery for your consideration. The office encourages you not to jump at these new opportunities for EMS course delivery until you have thoroughly investigated the new options. When considering your options to deliver EMS courses, be sure to include your Physician Course Director (PCD).

What may affect you is your eligibility for EMSTF. If you are outside 1 standard deviation to the left (16<sup>th</sup> percentile), then your funding for initial EMS certification course(s) may be affected. Here is an example:

As an EC, you are announcing the following courses:

1. EMT course – requesting EMSTF
2. BLS CE program – No Funding requested
3. ALS CE program – requesting EMSTF
4. AEMT program – requesting EMSTF
5. Paramedic program – requesting EMSTF

Over the past 3 years, your AEMT pass rate is below the 16<sup>th</sup> percentile when compared to other programs in Virginia and you are also below the NR pass rate. Your funding eligibility would be as follows:

1. EMT course – requesting EMSTF – funding approved
2. BLS CE program – No Funding Requested – no funding offered
3. ALS CE program – Requested EMSTF – Funding approved
4. AEMT program – requested EMSTF – Funding not approved.
5. Paramedic program – requested EMSTF – Funding approved.

Funding eligibility is affected only for initial EMS certification programs. Each level of initial EMS certification programs are evaluated separately.

Using the same scenario, let's now say your AEMT pass rate is below the 16<sup>th</sup> percentile, but you are above the NR pass rate. Your AEMT program is now eligible for funding.

The Office of EMS is planning to schedule webinars to answer your questions and address your concerns. To ensure we address your concerns, please submit your questions in writing to Warren Short at [warren.short@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:warren.short@vdh.virginia.gov). You will be notified by email once the webinar schedule is set.

For immediate pressing questions, please contact a staff member from the Division of Educational Development (DED) (Warren, Debbie, Greg, Adam). We are excited about the opportunity to increase the availability of EMS training courses by offering the option to utilize this new course delivery method.

We have posted the presentation delivered to the EMS Advisory Board on February 13, 2015 on our web page, under Education and Certification, near the bottom under the orange banner titled "Important Training Information & News."

Sincerely,  
Warren Short