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Dear Virginia Education Coordinator/ALS Coordinator;

As all of you are aware, National Registry changed to the National Continued Competency Program on April 1, 2016. At that time, they released CE requirements for the 2012 NCCP program that had been designed based on the practice analysis and research. On October 1, 2016, National Registry released the 2016 National Continued Competency Program. Virginia providers recertifying with National Registry in the 2017 and 2018 certification cycles have the option to use either the 2012 NCCP recertification requirements or the 2016 NCCP recertification requirements. However, all providers who will be recertifying in the 2019 certification cycle with National Registry must meet the 2016 NCCP requirements. In order to keep Virginia CE requirements equivalent with the National Registry, the Office of EMS developed a system that would allow the tracking of continuing education for both of these requirements.

The five areas of education: Airway, Respiration and Ventilation, Cardiology & Resuscitation, Trauma, Medical and EMS Operations and the total number of CE hours needed have not changed. What does change is the number of required hours needed in each of these five areas of education that cover the entire spectrum of EMS. To address this change, the Office of EMS will now be tracking continuing education based on the date of recertification. Any provider who has recertified their Virginia certification on or after October 1, 2016 will be required to meet the 2016 NCCP requirements.

Please download the following documents for your reference and use when working with EMS providers and their CE requirements:

TR-53A – BLS Recertification Requirements: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/04/TR-53A-BLS-CE-Requirements2.pdf>

TR-66A – ALS Recertification Requirements: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/04/TR-66A-ALS-CE-Requirements2.pdf>

The Education Guidelines provided by the National Registry of EMT's links are provided below:

EMR Education Guidelines:

2016 NCCP: [https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016 EMR NCCP final.pdf](https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016_EMN_NCCP_final.pdf)

EMT Education Guidelines:

2012 NCCP: <https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/NCCREMTEducationGuidelines.pdf>

2016 NCCP: [https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016 EMT NCCP final.pdf](https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016 EMT NCCP_final.pdf)

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AEMT Education Guidelines:

2016 NCCP: [https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016\\_AEMT\\_NCCP\\_final.pdf](https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016_AEMT_NCCP_final.pdf)

Paramedic Education Guidelines:

2012 NCCP: <https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2012NCCPParamedic.pdf>

2016 NCCP: [https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016\\_NRP\\_NCCP\\_final.pdf](https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/2016_NRP_NCCP_final.pdf)

When planning your recertification program going forward, you are expected to meet the objectives defined in the Education Guidelines for the NCCR portion of your course. The LCCR/ICCR should contain information that is regional, local or individual for your organization in consultation with your Operational Medical Director.

To design a comprehensive continuing education program that meets the expectations of both the 2012 and 2016 National Continued Competency Programs, your CE program would require 34 hours of Category 1 content to be delivered for the ALS provider and 23 hours for the BLS provider. Form TR-01 (Course Approval) is being updated and will be available in the next few days that will allow you to request a 2012/2016 CE program for the BLS, ALS or ALS/BLS combined. If you have not already done so, please discontinue use of the old 36 and 48-hour traditional refresher programs. This is impacting providers as the hours do not meet the requirements for recertification.

It is critical, when responding to a provider seeking guidance on their CE requirements that you request a copy of their CE report to make sure you understand which CE requirements they are completing and to ensure the information being provided is correct.

Please contact the Division of Educational Development if you need further guidance and direction.