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Dear Educators,

Good afternoon. The ACE Division has a couple of updates to make you aware of as we approach the summer months.

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

The scholarship program will be closing for the fiscal year on June 4, 2019 at midnight. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), as with all state agencies, have a fiscal year-end closing process which takes place during the months of June and July.

In order for the Office of EMS to meet W-9 and payment processing timelines established by VDH, we are required to close the FY19 scholarship program on June 4th.

The Virginia EMS Portal scholarship module is set to begin the FY20 scholarship program on June 5, 2019. This should be a seamless process for the end user, however, since this is the first fiscal year closing process we have been through with the new scholarship program, we are prepared for there to be minor issues which may crop up.

Depending on when your program started and where you are in your “scholarship approval window”, we may find it necessary to work with your students on an individual basis to override certain requirements in order to allow them to apply for their scholarship.

If there are students in your program who are having difficulties with the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program application on or after June 5, 2019, please have them contact Chad Blosser directly via email at: (chad.blosser@vdh.virginia.gov).

Blue Certification Test Forms

Last month we announced a new “green” certification testing form which would be released for use. Regretfully, we have had to abandon the new “green” form due to integration issues we have encountered with Scantron and our ability to incorporate these changes with our current programming schema for certification test processes. We have placed an order with Scantron for 8000 blue test forms which arrived at the Office today.

I know this is a disappointment, but it was the best decision we could make in the time allotted. We are working as quickly as possible to mail out packages to all Regional Councils and a smaller package to all CTS Test Evaluators.

We are asking that you take ANY AND ALL blue certification forms—titled Form A—currently in your possession and destroy them. Many of these existing forms were printed incorrectly and are requiring OEMS staff to re-bubble the entire form before we can scan the test application.

Please reach out to your Regional Council to get a stock of new forms for your courses.

Virginia EMS Portal System Status Page

If you are experiencing issues/difficulties with the Virginia EMS Portal, please check the new System Status page to see if your issue is a known system issue. The System Status page will display the status of various modules/components of the Virginia EMS Portal. <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/system-status/>

CE Scanner Application

The issue we experience we encountered this morning following an up of the Virginia EMS Portal to version 2.1.0.0 has been fixed. Uploads from the CE Scanner Application are now being received and processed as normal.

Education Coordinator Update – Montgomery County, June 7, 2019

We have an Education Coordinator Update scheduled on June 7 from 2:00p to 6:00p. [Blacksburg Rescue Squad](#) in Blacksburg, VA is graciously hosting the update.

This is a great opportunity for educators to obtain their required seminar, get updates from the office and learn what is on the horizon. Seminars are continually reviewed and updated so if you attended one last year, check us out to see an entirely new presentation!

For this update, there is particularly important information regarding MCIM I/II updates for Education Coordinators and EOIs. Make sure you attend an update in 2019 to get this important information.

There is no need to RSVP, so feel free to join us! Can't attend this update? No problem - check out the [schedule of updates](#) for 2019 on our website.

National Registry No Longer Requiring Administrative Fee

The administrative fee previously required by National Registry for those individuals who tested prior to turning 18 is no longer required. For any former students who tested on an assessment application and are now seeking to gain their National Registry certification the following applies:

- Create a certification application selecting you as their program director.
- The program director will approve the course completion; please pay close attention to their course end date.
 - For those whose course end date was prior to November 1, 2018, test results remain valid for one year and they must complete this request before the one year has expired. (This excludes those who tested at 16, they will be required to take the cognitive examination again.)
 - For those whose course end date was after November 1, 2018, test results remain valid for two years (this would include those who are testing at 16).
- Contact Debbie Akers (Deborah.T.Akers@vdh.virginia.gov) so psychomotor examination results can be verified.
- Have the provider sent a request to support@nremt.org requesting that their assessment examination results be transferred to the pending certification application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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