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This is a blanket e-mail message to all certified Education Coordinators.

Dear Educator,

Good afternoon. Here is a quick update on some topics of interest this month.

Virginia Student Minimum Competencies (SMC) Matrix

Many of you and your EMS Physicians have reached out to the Office over the past few weeks inquiring about the five (5) mouth-to-***** items and **why** they are included in the rote skills on the matrix. **We hear your concerns and understand your confusion and frustration!** The reason these items were included is because these skills are still listed as a part of the 2019 National Scope of Practice. It was our intention—though we did not communicate this well—to have these skills introduced to the student in a lecture or video and at least once as a demonstration in a skills lab—in case they were to ever need to make use of it. Think family gatherings or when acting a Good Samaritan with no barrier devices available.

Note: As these skills are in the 2019 National Scope of practice, they are fair game for National Registry test questions.

In light of the confusion this has created, we have revised the **Virginia Student Minimum Competencies (SMC) Matrix** to eliminate these items. The new matrix (ver. 1.0.2.2023) is located on Blackboard at the following path: *Organizations>Education Coordinator Village>2021 National EMS Education Standards Rollout>Student Minimum Competencies Documents.*

- BLS Psychomotor Competency Verification Guidance for Educators (OEMS)
- Implementing the Virginia Student Minimum Competency Tracking Matrix - Updated 2/10/23!
- Virginia Student Minimum Competencies Matrix v1.0.2.2023 - Updated 2/10/23!

QA/QI Program Evaluators

The OEMS QA/QI Program Evaluators held a meeting in early February where they received training on the new **Site Visit Rubric** which will be used when visiting initial EMR, EMT and AEMT programs. The rubric is published on Blackboard at the following path: *Organizations>Education Coordinator Village>2021 National EMS Education Standards Rollout>Initial Certification Program Evaluation.*

Several of the items on the rubric have an asterisk indicating that they are directed at accredited programs, however these can be implemented in all programs to strengthen the program if the EC chooses to do so. Items with an asterisk will not be measured for programs that are not accredited.

As a reminder, the QA/QI Program Evaluators are visiting programs at the request of the state Medical Direction Committee and the EMS Advisory Board. These visits are meant to ensure the overall quality of initial certification programs in Virginia. Our QA/QI staff will be visiting each initial certification program during their Terminal Competency

Psychomotor Exam (TCPE) to ensure the TCPE is taking place and to verify other aspects of the program as outlined on the rubric.

If you have questions about the Site Visit Rubric, please direct those to Larry A. Oliver, QA/QI Program Evaluation Manager at Larry.Oliver@vdh.virginia.gov.

Active/Inactive CE Reports

Office staff are being inundated with phone and e-mail requests for Active/Inactive CE Reports from providers. As we approach the Registry March 31, 2023 recertification deadline, these requests will only increase.

Any assistance you can provide spreading the word that providers do not need to call the Office of EMS for this report would be appreciated. Providers have had the ability to generate their own Active/Inactive CE Report in the EMS Portal for more than two (2) years. A Quick Guide for how to generate this report can be found at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2023/02/Running-Your-Active-Inactive-CE-Report-Quick-Guide-2021.pdf>

National Registry Recertification Process

[National Registry Recertification Process](#) Quick Guide has been released. This Quick Guide has been developed to assist Virginia providers who are certified with National Registry to complete their recertification application based on the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP). All providers recertifying in the 2023 certification cycle are utilizing the 2016 NCCP requirements.

Note: If you are selected for audit, please notify Debbie Akers (Deborah.T.Akers@vdh.virginia.gov) and she will generate the verification certificate if possible. If your Virginia CE report is not aligned with your National Registry certification cycle, it may not be possible for our office to issue the verification.

BLS First & Last Class Paperwork

Newly updated BLS First and Last Class Paperwork for summer/fall courses can be found on the OEMS website. Please make sure you are using the latest paperwork which now takes into account changes reflective our recent adoption of the 2021 National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES).

- <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/documents-forms-downloads/ems-training-program-administration-manual/>

2023 Virginia EMS Symposium Call for Presentations

The 2023 Virginia EMS Symposium Call for Presentations is now open. The Annual Virginia EMS Symposium, scheduled for November 8th through 12th, 2023, is one of the nation's premier educational opportunities for EMS providers and Registered Nurses to obtain continuing education and network. Each year, more than 1500 registrants choose from over 350 different programs over the 5-day event. National and local educators participate to make this event one of the top pre-hospital educational opportunities in the country. The Symposium has multiple tracks covering Administration, Airway, Respiration, Ventilation, Cardiology, Critical Care, Educator, Health & Safety, Leadership & Management, Medical, MIH-CP, Operations, Pediatric and Trauma. Sessions generally run 1 hour with the exception of our specialty classes that vary in length from 3 hours up to a total of 24 hours.

For more information and to submit your proposal, visit: [Symposium Call for Presentations](#)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Debbie or myself.

Best,

Chad

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