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Subject: November 2023 Educator Update

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

Dear Chad,

Good afternoon. Please take some time to review the following policy changes.

Student Course Enrollments

Over the past 9-12 months, the ACE Division staff have experienced an increase in the number of EC's who either: 1) do not enroll their students in their initial certification programs or 2) EC's who are not approving student enrollments in the EMS Portal per regulations. EMS Regulations state that:

12VAC5-31-1431. Student course enrollment.

For courses leading to certification at a new or higher level, the EMT instructor, ALS coordinator, or EMS education coordinator shall have each student complete a "Virginia EMS Training Program Enrollment" form at the first meeting of the course.

- 1. These forms must be reviewed by the EMT instructor, ALS coordinator, or EMS education coordinator and submitted to the Office of EMS **no later than five business days following the first meeting of the course.***
- 2. Any student who starts the program at a later date shall complete an enrollment form the first date of attendance providing 15% or more of the entire course has not been completed.*

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-111.4 of the Code of Virginia.

Due to a multitude of issues we have been experiencing with course enrollments, ACE Division staff reached out to Ron Passmore, Division Director for Regulation and Compliance for advice on how to handle this problem.

The following policy will be implemented effective January 1, 2024: Any student who has not submitted their enrollment application within five business days will be required to submit a variance requesting they be allowed to enroll in your course with a valid explanation as to why this was not completed within the required five business days.

30-days to Approve Enrollments

Up to this point, the ACE Division has been liberal by permitting Education Coordinators to approve enrollments within 30-days of the announced course start date.

Beginning January 1, 2024, the only enrollments that may be accepted during business days 6-30 are those where the student was late enrolling in the course. In this case, the Education Coordinator has five business days following the receipt of the late enrollment to accept the student into your class.

For anyone enrolling outside of the 30-day enrollment window, the Educator shall contact either Debbie Akers or Chad Blosser to have the enrollment approved. We will require written proof from the Education Coordinator as to why this student has enrolled late and whether they have missed more than 15% of your announced program length.

Violations of this policy will result in an administrative action email from the ACE Division. Any further violations will result in an investigation by the Division of Regulation and Compliance.

Forms TR-43 and TR-43a

The Office has had in place the TR-43 and TR-43a for approximately 20 years. These forms can be downloaded from the OEMS website at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/documents-forms-downloads/>

- [TR-43](#) – Used for providers currently VA certified seeking to gain National Registry certification.
- [TR-43A](#) - State Authorization for National Registry AEMT Testing

Please refamiliarize yourself on these forms so that you are able to answer questions/direct providers down the correct path for certification in Virginia.

National Registry Fee Schedule

On July 1, 2024, the National Registry will be increasing the fees it charges for AEMT and Paramedic cognitive exams.

- AEMT - \$159.00
- Paramedic - \$175.00

New NCCP and Evidence-based Guidelines

Please review these changes from the National Registry scheduled to go into effect April 1, 2024 for all National Registered EMS providers expiring in 2026. Many state officials (including Virginia) have expressed concern on the changes to the CE requirements without prior notification having been provided since the recertification cycle for those expiring in 2024 has already begun. Additionally, states that mirror the National Registry recertification requirements need time to implement these changes.

For Virginia, the Training and Certification Committee and Medical Direction committee will need to review these new requirements and consider if any additional required content might be added to the NCCR requirements.



NCCP and Evidence-based Guidelines

- + Effective in 2024 (nationally certified EMS clinicians with a certification 03/31/2026), the number of continuing education required by content proposed credits based on test specifications:

CURRENT HOURS FOR NATIONAL COMPONENT				
Content	EMR	EMT	AEMT	NRP
ARV	1	1.5	2.5	3.5
Cardio	2.5	6	7	8.5
Trauma	0.5	1.5	3	3
Medical	3	6	7.5	8.5
Ops	1	5	5	6.5
Total	8	20	25	30

Continuing education must address topics and sub-topics in each of the identified content areas

PROPOSED CREDITS BASED ON TEST SPECIFICATIONS				
Content	EMR	EMT	AEMT	NRP
ARV	↑ 1.5	4	5	
Cardio	↓ 2	5	6	
Trauma	↑ 1	3	4	
Medical	↓ 2.5	6	7	
Ops	↓ 1	2	3	
Total	8	20	25	

*Continuing education should incorporate but not mandate EBGs and their related key articles
10% of the National Content must be Pediatric*



NCCP and Evidence-based Guidelines

- + 2025 NCCP Model:
 - + At least 10% of the National content must be pediatric focused.

National Component Topic Areas (50%)		EMR
*At least 10% of the National content must be pediatric focused		1
Airway	Total ARV Credits	1.5
Cardiology	Total Cardiology Credits	2
Medical	Total Medical Credits	1
Trauma	Total Trauma Credits	2.5
Operations	Total Operations Credits	1
TOTAL Local / State Component Credits (25%)		4
TOTAL Individual Component Credits (25%)		4
TOTAL Required Credits		16

Notes: Complete the total number of credits in each National Component. Complete the total required credits based on the National, Local/State, Local and Individual credits must relate to Emergency Medical Services. At least 10% of the National Component credits must be pediatric focused.

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National Registry Psychomotor Testing

National Registry psychomotor testing will end on June 30, 2024. Please make sure your AEMT and Paramedic students are aware of this date and what procedure they must follow beginning July 1, 2024. For questions, please reach out to Debbie Akers by e-mail at: deborah.t.akers@vdh.virginia.gov.

Continuing Education One Stop Shop

The Office of EMS is proud to provide complimentary online education and support to local Fire and EMS with content spanning all aspects of pre-hospital care. Whether improving your skills or looking for specific EMS education topics for re-certification, we have a one-stop shop for your needs.

We are dedicated to providing all EMS providers with quality online continuing education in a variety of formats. This one stop shop for CE opportunities in Virginia can be found on our website at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/educator-resources/continuing-education-program-guidance/continuing-education-resources/>

In this time of Thanksgiving, we want to express our appreciation for you! Thank you for your generosity & your willingness to go above and beyond to make Virginia's EMS System the best in the nation.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Best,

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