

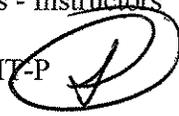


STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: All Emergency Medical Services - Instructors

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REF: Training, Recertification, Reinstatement of EMS Professionals Policy

Public Act 10-117 Section 25 effected changes in the Statutes concerning training, recertification and reinstatement of EMS professionals. As CGS Statute 19a-179(d), the following statutory change enables the Department of Public Health to recognize continuing education units acquired to maintain licensure in particular health care professions for the purposes of recertification as Emergency Medical Technicians.

Sec. 25. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-179 of the general statutes and section 19a-195b of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may implement policies and procedures concerning training, recertification and reinstatement of certification or licensure of emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics, while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided the commissioner prints notice of the intent to adopt regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than thirty days after the date of implementation of such policies and procedures. Policies implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

Effective immediately, Emergency Medical Service Instructors will accept the continuing education units provided by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses and paramedics as meeting training recertification requirements for Emergency Medical Technicians. The continuing education units must combine for a total of thirty (30) hours over the three year span prior to the EMT's recertification date and must address each of the follow categories:

1. Airway Management
2. Cardiac Care
3. Medical Emergencies
4. Trauma Emergencies
5. Care of Pediatric and Patients with Special Needs
6. Obstetrics and Gynecological Emergencies
7. EMS Operations

After assuring that candidates have addressed training modules, EMS-I's may review and examine candidates for psychomotor skill competency and allow the candidate to sit for the recertification written examination.

This policy change integrates with broader changes in the certification and recertification processes that will emerge as part of the EMS Education Agenda for the Future initiative.

Please contact me with any questions.