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To: All Connecticut certified & licensed EMS Organizations
All Connecticut Sponsor Hospitals

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Re: AEMT provider level 2007 National Scope of Practice adoption revised timelines for implementation

In April, 2015 OEMS distributed a memo "[Advanced Emergency Medical Technician \(AEMT\) provider level update](#)" detailing the background and implementation timeline to adopt the 2007 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the 2009 National Educational Standards for the AEMT level provider in the state. OEMS has carefully considered what this process may involve for providers and revised the timelines for implementation:

- **Effective June 30, 2018**, all initial and refresher AEMT training classes shall comply with the 2007 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the 2009 National EMS Education Standards.
- **Effective June 30, 2019**, all EMS organizations currently operating at the AEMT level must be in compliance with the 2009 AEMT standard with Sponsor Hospital approval.
- **Effective June 30, 2019**, all AEMTs must:
 - (1) successfully complete an OEMS-approved initial AEMT education program adhering to the 2009 National EMS Education Standards;
 - (2) complete and pass an OEMS-approved written and practical certification examination, and;
 - (3) apply to OEMS for current AEMT certification.

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Current AEMTs who *do not* wish to become certified to the 2009 AEMT standard may transition their current AEMT certification to an EMT certification by providing documentation of successful completion of an approved EMT refresher and written request to OEMS to recertify at the EMT level. This request must be received prior to the expiration date of the provider's AEMT certification, or June 30, 2019, whichever comes first. Detailed directions on how to transition your AEMT certification to an EMT certification will be available on the main [Licensing & Certification page](#) of the OEMS website next week.

EMS organizations currently certified to operate at the AEMT level that *do not* wish to become certified to the 2009 AEMT standard may transition their current AEMT Certification of Operation to an EMT Certificate of Operation when they complete their annual renewal application, or prior to June 30, 2019, whichever comes first.

Compliance with these timelines is mandatory. We appreciate the cooperation of the EMS community as we move forward with this change. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

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Thank you for your continued support in enhancing our educational requirements to meet National Standards and providing the best pre-hospital care to the residents and visitors of Connecticut.