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To: All Connecticut certified EMS Instructors

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Re: Alternative Pathway to EMR updated guidance

There have been a number of inquiries regarding guidance for the alternative pathway to EMR certification. On the following pages is a guidance document for instructors to establish guidelines for this alternative pathway to EMR certification.

Additionally, a PowerPoint presentation has been developed to aid in the delivery of the curriculum. It is available for download in the [Instructor Resources section of the Education & Training page](#) of the OEMS website.

Please email [Terry Devito](#) with questions regarding these documents.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in the training and education of Connecticut's EMS providers.



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Alternate Pathway to EMR Certification

PURPOSE: The following information is to establish guidelines for an alternative pathway to Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification to those candidates who successfully completed an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program, but are not successful in the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) process for initial EMT certification.

Candidates eligible for Connecticut EMT initial certification, may choose to apply for EMR certification rather than EMT certification

PROCEDURE:

For those seeking the alternative pathway after attending an EMT initial certification program:

1. Candidate must:
 - a. Successfully complete OEMS approved EMT training program pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 19a-179-16a(b)(1).
 - i. Candidate's name is entered into EMT Course Completion form (T4), indicating successful completion of the OEMS approved EMT training program by EMS Instructor responsible for the program
 - ii. After one attempt, although two (2) attempts are recommended, taking the National Registry of EMT's cognitive exam unsuccessfully, the candidate may:
 1. Within two (2) years of initial EMT course completion
 - a. Attend and successfully complete the Alternative Pathway to EMR Certification program, and
 - b. Successfully take and pass the EMR cognitive and practical exam
 - i. EMS Instructor of record completes the EMR Course Completion form (T4) to OEMS
 - c. Files EMR Application for Certification (202 Form)
 - b. Example of process events:
 - i. Candidate:
 1. Takes EMT initial certification training program
 2. Successfully completes all course requirements as outlined by EMS Instructor
 3. Course completion is validated by candidate's name entered onto EMT Course completion (T4) form
 4. Candidate follows NREMT process for initial EMT certification however, is not successful with NREMT cognitive exam

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- a. One retake is recommended but not required
- 5. Candidate decides to pursue Alternate Pathway to EMR Certification Program
 - a. Candidate must:
 - i. Attend and pass all requirements of Alternative Pathway to EMR Program
 - ii. Have evidence of successful Alternative Pathway course completion.
 - 1. Evidence provided by the EMS Instructor of record entering candidate's name on T4 course completion form and submitting form to OEMS
 - iii. Successfully pass the EMR cognitive exam
 - iv. Successfully pass the EMR practical exam
 - v. File EMR application for certification (202 Form)

For those seeking the alternative pathway during EMT Recertification process:

- 1. Successfully complete OEMS approved EMT Refresher training program pursuant to state of CT Statute: XDTTB.
 - a. Candidate's name is entered into EMT Course Completion form (T4), indicating successful completion of an OEMS approved EMT training program by EMS Instructor responsible for the program
 - b. After one attempt, although two (2) attempts are recommended, taking the State of Connecticut EMT Refresher cognitive exam unsuccessfully, the candidate may:
 - i. Within two (2) years of EMT refresher course completion
 - 1. Attend and successfully complete the Alternative Pathway to EMR Certification program, and
 - 2. Successfully take and pass the EMR cognitive and practical exam
 - a. EMS Instructor of record completes an EMR Certification Course completion form (T4)
 - 3. Files EMR Certification Application for state certification (202 Form)

Alternative Pathway to EMR Certification Program Curriculum Outline

Program Goal: Provide alternative pathways to EMR certification, thus remaining committed to the State of Connecticut EMS workforce and patient care needs within the State's towns and communities.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Cognitive domain
 - a) Discuss the difference between the EMR and EMT Scope of Practice
 - b) Assess the role of the EMR in providing emergency patient care
 - c) Examine the consequences of providing care outside one's Scope of Practice
- 2) Psychomotor Domain
 - a) In scenario based exercises:
 - i) Distinguish between the intervention options available to the EMR versus the EMT
 - ii) Demonstrate EMR patient care intervention options
 - iii) Develop the ability to fulfill the role of the EMR in a team approach to patient care
- 3) Affective Domain
 - a) Appreciate the role of the EMR in the EMS response system
 - b) Value the intervention capabilities of the EMR in providing patient care
 - c) Appreciate the hazards of providing care outside one's scope of practice

Curriculum

- 1) Curriculum specifics
 - a) The elements of the EMS Agenda for the Future
 - i) Core content
 - (1) description of the span of out of hospital medicine
 - ii) Scope of Practice Model
 - (1) Legal limits and role assignments within the EMR scope of practice
 - iii) National EMS Education Standards
 - (1) Progressive approach to EMS Education
 - (2) EMR competencies
 - iv) Movement towards National certifying exams and national program accreditation
 - b) Define:
 - i) Scope of Practice
 - ii) Education
 - iii) Certification vs. licensure
 - iv) State credentialing process
 - c) Consequences of acting outside one's scope of practice
 - i) Regulations 19a-179-9 Specifically Prohibited Acts

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- (1) Misrepresentation of certification
- (2) Providing care without certification (authorization) to do so
- (3) Providing care outside EMS Systems
- ii) Criminal law violations
- iii) Civil law violation
- d) EMR versus EMT Scope of practice
 - i) Review of EMR practice limits and guidelines
 - ii) Specific areas of contrast
 - (1) Immobilization
 - (2) Pharmacology
 - (3) Team responsibilities/role
- e) Alternative EMR Certification
 - i) Procedure for State of Connecticut Certification