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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 22-07

Date: July 22, 2022
To: All Emergency Medical Services Instructors
From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, EMS-I, Paramedic 
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services
Joel Demers, NRP, EMS-I 
EMS Education Coordinator
Re: EMS Regulation 19a-179-17(a)(2) - Revised

This communication supersedes the [memorandum](#) issued by this office on June 17, 2009.

Section 19a-179-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) requires that a person conducting an OEMS approved training program for EMS personnel, a person must “*ensure that there is a state-certified EMS-I responsible for all class sessions.*”

Previously, this office had determined that this required the physical presence of a certified EMS instructor for all class sessions. Since that time, technology and education methods have changed and become more advanced.

Effective immediately, the position of the Office of Emergency Medical Services is the following:

- Only currently certified and qualified EMS instructors with current medical direction may serve as the course coordinator for initial EMS education programs.
- EMS instructors may comply with 19a-179-17 by designating a qualified “subject matter expert” to conduct specific sessions of initial EMS education without the immediate physical presence of an EMS instructor.



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- Qualified “subject matter experts” may conduct continuing medical education (CME) provided they are qualified in the subject they intend to teach and follow the usual procedures for obtaining approval for such education from this office.
- A “subject matter expert” shall be considered a person with a combination of education, certification(s), experience and tenure sufficient to present current clinical content in an educational setting.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions.