

Connecticut and the NREMT – Sponsor Hospitals

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What role will sponsor hospitals play in the NREMT recertification process?**
 - a. Sponsor hospitals and EMS medical directors will still participate in the initial approval of and continuous quality assurance of EMS continuing education. Whereas “refresher” classes were the previous method of education, EMS providers will now have a combined continuing education requirement. This includes a core curriculum of prescribed topics (50% of education) and a requirement for individuals to collect Continuing Medical Education in related topics (the other 50%).
- 2. What role will EMS medical directors play in the NREMT recertification process?**
 - a. Medical directors ensure the continued competency of Nationally Registered EMS personnel by validating level specific skills. To maintain an 'Active' National EMS Certification, all advanced level providers (Paramedics and Advanced-EMTs) are required to have a licensed physician medical director attest to their skill competency every 2-year recertification cycle.
<https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/medical-directors>
- 3. What accounts do sponsor hospitals and medical directors need in order to facilitate NREMT approved continuing education?**
 - a. Each sponsor hospital should designate one “Training Agency” account, typically run by the EMS coordinator, one “Medical Director” account, and one backup “Medical Director” account. Individual providers may affiliate with more than one Training Agency and Medical Director.
<https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/training-officers>
- 4. What method of Skills Verification is acceptable?**
 - a. Sponsor hospital medical directors may verify advanced level provider skills that have been demonstrated in a skills session (laboratory), through clinical rotations or by call review.
- 5. How does a sponsor hospital apply CME credit to an EMS provider?**
 - a. After completion of a CME session, the Training Officer (EMS Coordinator) may create course in their NREMT “Training Officer” account. You may opt to add a “Topic Map” or suggested categorization of the topics covered. Add “Course Attendees” to include any affiliate personnel. This will save candidates the effort of entering education courses manually. If a non-affiliated candidate attends your CME, they have the option of affiliating with your agency or simply logging the activity in their own account and uploading a CME certificate.
- 6. What are the requirements of the State or Local Continuing Competence Requirement (LCCR)?**
 - a. Currently, OEMS has not established a required list of topics to fulfill the LCCR. Local agencies or medical directors may choose to assign certain topics, or leave the provider to select topics of a personal interest. OEMS reserves the right to establish required topics for the LCCR.
- 7. How will sponsor hospitals or training agencies obtain state approval for CME?**
 - a. This office will accept applications for approval of EMS CME in lieu of the current approval of refresher courses. Six categories of approval will be offered
 - i. Paramedic NCCR (30 hours)
 - ii. AEMT NCCR (25 hours)
 - iii. EMT NCCR (20 hours)
 - iv. EMR NCCR (8 hours)
 - v. ALS CME – Hour for hour approval
 - vi. BLS CME – Hour for hour approval

8. What qualifications are required to provide EMS CME?

- a. EMS Instructors may provide both the NCCR and CME training, up to the level of their provider certification or licensure.
- b. Any content expert may offer CME training in their field of expertise. For example, an OB nurse may request approval for a 3 hour EMS CME on emergency childbirth.
- c. Sponsor hospitals may submit a request for OEMS approval of regularly occurring in-house programs such as call review, grand rounds, EMS M&M or similar events.
- d. EMS conferences, symposia and similar events may apply through this office for approval of CME.

9. How does CAPCE approval differ from state OEMS approval?

- a. CAPCE requires fees and sets minimum requirements for CME content.
- b. OEMS does not charge a fee to Connecticut providers and follows CAPCE guidelines for CME content.

10. May a medical director provide skills verification for a non-affiliated advanced level provider?

- a. The medical director assumes full responsibility and liability for providing skills verification for a provider who is not actively working in EMS and affiliated with a sponsor hospital or EMS agency.
- b. NREMT offers “Inactive Status” for those providers not currently working in a patient care environment such as full time administrators, educators and the like.

Additional Resources:

NCCR Topic Requirements

<https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/national-nccp-2016.pdf>

Standardized Course Guide

https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/NCCR_2016_v2_standardized_course_guide.pdf

Agency Guide to Recertification

https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/Agency_Guide_Recert_8_18.pdf