DATE: February, 2020
TO: All System EMS Providers (EMT/Paramedic/PHRN)
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RE: Spring 2020 CE Programming Announcement- Part II- March/April

The second topic for the Spring 2020 CE programming will begin in March. This offering will focus on Medication Administration and Dosing. We expect all system providers to participate. This session will involve both lecture and practical skill focused learning. The Schedule for this session of programming is attached, and will also posted to the EMS webpage. Please not any last minute changes to the schedule are updated on the EMS webpage.

LEARNING PACKETS:
There will also be an online learning packet available via the EMS System web page after March 1st. This learning packet will focus on EMS Medications in support of the programming for March/April.

EMT Providers- This second topic continues to support the BLS Scope of Practice with respect to the EMT role in administering medications as part of the EMS crew. EMT’s are expected to meet the same CE attendance requirements as their ALS provider partners. It is critical for the EMT’s to participate in CE offerings to insure that new skills are made familiar and entry level competency is validated.

As a reminder the System CE requirements for all EMS System providers are outlined below. There are 2 options to meet System CE expectations:

OPTION #1- Complete all CE offerings as scheduled to complete both classroom presentations and skill validations – throughout the CE Calendar Year, including specified online learning packets. (Failure to complete all requirements would result in the requirement to attend the cumulative evaluation in Summer 2020).

OPTION #2- Attend a cumulative education offering at the end of the CE Calendar Year (Summer 2020) - in which there may be both a written and practical skill assessments of the topics presented over the previous months per the Annual CE Calendar.

- The choice will be left to the individual EMS provider. The requirement for participation in competency validation applies to ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY System Providers

- Each individual provider is still required to meet the annual hourly CE requirements to maintain licensure status. (As a reminder all CE completed is documented within Image Trend).

- Those who are affiliated as “primary” with another EMS system are also still required to provide annual validation from the Primary EMS system as to their current CE record and letter of EMS Medical Director practice.

The Annual Cumulative Summary CE sessions will be scheduled during the months of June and July. The list of those who will need to attend will be determined at the conclusion of the Spring 2020 CE offering schedule. The dates for the Cumulative Summary CE will be posted. Notifications will be sent to those who will be expected to meet the System requirements with Option #2 in Summer 2020.

Education is the key in maintaining your professional EMS practice. Thank you for your engagement in providing quality patient care within our community. Feel free to contact me with any questions- cynthia.amore@nm.org.