



EMS Information Bulletin 2021-08

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SUBJECT: State Recognized CPR Programs

TO: PA EMS Agencies
PA EMS Providers
PA EMS Educational Institutes
PA Regional EMS Councils

FROM: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
PA Department of Health
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The attached document contains Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Programs that have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for use by EMS candidates and prehospital EMS practitioners for: admission to EMS education programs and examinations; initial certification; certification by endorsement; re-registration of certification; and renewal within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Approved programs consist of in-person classroom instruction, simulation learning, or any form of distributive education, such as video, DVD, CD-ROM, magazine, and on-line blended, learning modules. Each must include the following:

1. One (1) and Two (2) Person Infant, Child, and Adult CPR (including AED), and maneuvers to relieve choking/foreign body airway obstruction for all patient categories.
2. Final Written/Cognitive Examination.
3. Practical/Psychomotor hands-on skills evaluation/examination administered in-person (or Instructor lead), by a current, appropriate-level certified CPR Instructor representing the approved program.

All approved programs must provide a course completion card and/or certificate indicating the specific course title, to each individual candidate upon successful completion of the program. Instructors can submit valid Instructor cards representing any of the specifically approved programs.

Vendors seeking recognition as an approved CPR program for EMS providers, and recognition for specific courses, must request a review on letterhead and submit a copy of the

materials used within their program to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. **This request should be submitted any time the CPR Guidelines change and/or there is a change in product format or release of new educational materials. All materials must clearly indicate that they meet the 2020 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science with Treatment Recommendations.** Please forward any questions to your Regional EMS Council.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Basic Life Support Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Programs
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Recognized Programs Providing PA EMS Act Protection for All Valid Pennsylvania EMS Provider Certification Levels
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute <i>Health-Care Provider CPR & AED</i>
American Heart Association – <i>BLS Provider</i>
American Red Cross – <i>Basic Life Support</i>
American Safety & Health Institute – <i>Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers</i>
EMS Safety Services, Inc. – <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>
Geisinger Resuscitation Program CPR
National Safety Council – <i>BLS for Health Care Providers</i>
ProTrainings LLC – <i>Healthcare Provider (BLS) Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED (ProCPR)</i>
ProTrainings LLC – <i>Healthcare Provider (BLS) Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED/First Aid (ProFirst Aid Advanced)</i>
PACIFIC Medical Training – <i>Basic Life Support: AED, First Aid, CPR – C Provider</i>

(Valid Instructor cards representing any of the recognized programs above are acceptable)

List will be updated and distributed to Regional EMS Councils, as requests for recognition and submission of course program materials are received, reviewed, and approved.