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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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SUBJECT: State Recognized CPR Programs

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Educational Institutes, EMS Agencies, EMS Practitioners

FROM: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
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The attached document consists of 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, recertification, and renewal within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Approved programs can be in the form of in-person instruction or any form of "distributive education" such as video, DVD, CD-ROM, magazine, on-line, etc, but must include the following:

1. One (1) and Two (2) Person Infant, Child, and Adult CPR (inclusive of AED), and maneuvers for the relief of choking/foreign body airway obstruction for all patient categories.
2. Final Written/Cognitive Examination.
3. Practical/Psychomotor hands-on skills evaluation/examination administered 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 successfully completing the program. Valid Instructor cards representing any of the specifically approved EMS course titles are acceptable for submission by Instructors.

Vendors seeking recognition for specific courses must request a review on letterhead and submit a copy of the materials utilized within their program to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, for recognition as an approved CPR program for prehospital practitioners. **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 2010 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science with Treatment Recommendations.** Please forward any questions to your Regional EMS Council.

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BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Basic Life Support Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Programs
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Name of Program	EMS Act Protection
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute *Health-Care Provider CPR*	Yes
American Heart Association - *BLS for Healthcare Providers*	Yes
American Red Cross – *CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider*	Yes
American Red Cross – *CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer*	Yes
American Red Cross – *CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider*	Yes
American Safety & Health Institute - *CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer*	Yes
EMS Safety Services, Inc. – *CPR and AED for Professional Rescuers*	Yes
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine and Trauma Program – *BLS for Healthcare Providers*	Yes
National Safety Council – *Basic Life Support Healthcare and Professional Rescuer*	Yes
ProTrainings LLC – *ProCPR*	Yes

(Valid Instructor cards representing any of the specifically approved EMS course titles 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.