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SUBJECT: Critical Care Transport and Air Ambulance Transport Approved Educational Programs

TO: Regional EMS directors
Regional EMS education coordinators
PA EMS agencies

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Under 28 Pa. Code §§ 1027.39(d) and 1027.40(f) [relating to critical care transport ambulance service and air ambulance service], expansion of an EMS provider's scope of practice includes EMS skills in addition to those skills included in the EMS provider's general scope of practice that were published at 45 Pa.B. 5463 (Aug. 29, 2015). To perform these expanded skills, an EMS provider must receive education to perform these skills by having successfully completed a critical care transport (CCT) educational program or air ambulance transport educational program approved by the Department of Health (Department). Minimum requirements to become an approved CCT educational program or air ambulance transport educational program, as well as a list of approved CCT educational programs and air ambulance transport educational programs, will be updated on the Department's website, upon review and acceptance by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

CCT ambulance services and air ambulance services seeking approval for an educational program may secure a document to submit a program for review to the Department at www.health.pa.gov as follows:

- My Health > Emergency Medical Services > EMS in Pa > EMS Education Information
 - Pennsylvania Air Ambulance/Ground Critical Care Transport Educational Program Course Sponsor Checklist (PDF)

CCT ambulance services and air ambulance services need to follow the submission instructions on the document in its entirety prior to submitting the document to the Department.

An EMS provider that has a current certification by the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) as a flight paramedic (FP-C) or ground critical care transport paramedic (CCP-C) is deemed to have met the requirements for expansion of his or her applicable scope of practice and is not required to take an additional course.

Additionally, Pennsylvania certified prehospital registered nurses (PHRNs) with current specialty certification as a certified flight registered nurse (CFRN) or certified transport registered nurse (CTRN) or; PHRNs with current certification as a certified emergency nurse (CEN) and certified critical care registered nurse (CCRN), who have completed additional education as outlined in the attached “Critical Care Transport PHRN Additional Education Requirements” matrix, are deemed to be in compliance to serve on a Pennsylvania licensed ground critical care transport ambulance or air ambulance.

Please do not hesitate to contact your regional EMS council office in the event of any questions.