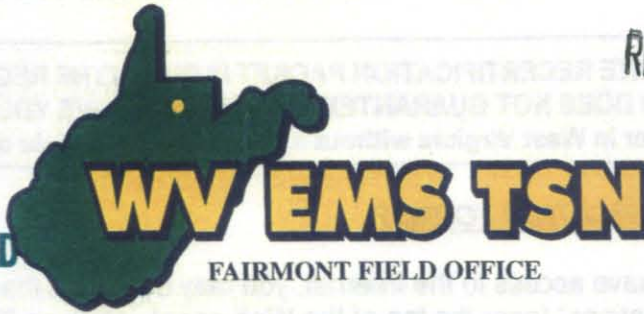


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MEMORANDUM

TO: EMS Personnel Eligible for ALS Recertification Examination
FROM: Gail M. Dragoo, Program Director
SUBJECT: ALS RECERTIFICATION – 2010
DATE: August 17, 2010

Recertification activities will be conducted as follows, and will include written and practical examinations for ALS level EMS personnel. **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE EXAM - ACTION REQUESTED:**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Please call, fax or e-mail our office to schedule in to one of the exam dates.

VOICE MAIL @ 304-366-8764

FACSIMILE @ 304-366-5091

E-MAIL = mmyers@wvemstsn.net (If you choose e-mail, please insert "ALS Recert Exam" in the subject line.)

LOCATION:	Pierpont Community & Technical College 214 Merchant Street, Fairmont, West Virginia	
DATE:	September 25, 2010 September 26, 2010	FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED BY PRE-REGISTERING PRE-REGISTER FOR ONE DAY ONLY
TIME:	9:00 a.m. – PLEASE BE PROMPT.	
WRITTEN EXAM:	Starting immediately after you complete practical exams	
PRACTICAL EXAM:	Starting immediately after orientation, with written exam to follow.	
PLEASE NOTE:	Park at rear of facility.	
DIRECTIONS:	Go to www.pierpont.edu and search for "Maps". Then click on "Directions and Maps to GEAR UP locations". And finally, click on "Directions to Fairmont State GEAR UP Facility".	

If you have any questions, please contact our office and speak with either Marsha J. Myers (mmyers@wvemstsn.net) or me (gdragoo@wvemstsn.net). *Thank you!*

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cc: Jonathan G. Newman, MD
Regional Medical Director

PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW THIS ENTIRE MEMORANDUM...

BY STATE POLICY, YOUR COMPLETE RECERTIFICATION PACKET IS DUE IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1, 2010, OR THE WV OFFICE OF EMS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEW CARD BY 12/31/10. You cannot function as an EMS provider in West Virginia without a current West Virginia certification card.

WHERE MAY I OBTAIN RECERTIFICATION FORMS?

The forms are attached OR if you have access to the Internet, you may download the required forms. Please go to www.wvoems.org. Click on "Regulations" (near the top of the Web page). Click on "Personnel Certification". Click on "EMT-Paramedic". Click on "Related Files and Forms". You will need each of these forms:

1. ALS Recertification Requirements Policy (includes current ALS CE record form)
2. Two Year Agency ALS Recertification Annual Skills Evaluation (*for HealthNet I/VI personnel only*)

WHAT ABOUT THE NEW ONLINE EMS PERSONNEL APPLICATION AND THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND FEES?

The WV Office of EMS has implemented a new online application and recertification fees as mandated by the WV Legislature. The online application does not, however, include the forms you need in order to document your hours. If you wish to apply online, go to www.wvoems.org and scroll to "How do I...". Then choose "Apply for an EMS certification online". You will then complete the application and pay the required recertification fee online. You are also required to undergo a background check. We will have the required background check forms available on the day of the exam. At this time we DO NOT have a listing of sites that offer electronic fingerprint capabilities.

WHAT IS CIS?

The Credentialing Information System or CIS is the tool you will use to maintain your address and other contact information. The electronic mail address, mailing address, and phone numbers in your profile will be considered your official information - failing to maintain this information could result in mail from the WV Office of EMS or from us being misdirected. **It is your responsibility to maintain this information AND IT IS IMPORTANT.** If you have not already done so, please go to CIS to ensure that your profile is correct.

WHAT IF I COMPLETED MY CE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE NEW POLICY WAS ISSUED?

The current policy was issued January 1, 2009. **DON'T PANIC!** The West Virginia Office of EMS will accept documentation of courses for which there are WV OEMS CE numbers on record, even if that training occurred prior to the release of the current policy, AS LONG AS THE COURSES OCCURRED AFTER THE ISSUE DATE SHOWN ON YOUR CARD.

HOW DO I OBTAIN MY WV OFFICE OF EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION RECORD?

Please feel free to contact Marsha J. Myers via telephone (304-366-8764), facsimile (304-366-5091) or via electronic mail (mmyers@wvemstsn.net) to request your WV Office of EMS CE record. Please insert "ALS Recert Exam" in the subject line of your e-mail so that we recognize your e-mail address as a legitimate one.

IS MY CERTIFICATION FOR TWO YEARS OR FOUR YEARS?

At this time, with the exception of personnel affiliated through HealthNet I/VI Aeromedical Services, by policy of the Region VI/VII Medical Policy and Care Committee, **all ALS level personnel in Region VI/VII are certified for 4 years.**

WHAT IF I CANNOT ATTEND ANY OF THE EXAMS YOU HAVE SCHEDULED?

If you are absolutely and unquestionably unavailable for the scheduled dates in Region VI/VII, please contact our office. However, if you cannot attend one of these dates, it will put you beyond the October 1st deadline.

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!