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### WVOEMS Education Policy & Procedures

In compliance with Legislative Rule 64 CSR48 9.1.b.2 WVOEMS EMS Education Approval Policy and Procedures is hereby submitted for a thirty-day public comment period from August 21, 2017 through September 19, 2017.

This policy was revised based on the proposed recertification requirements to add in the "Applicable Hours" section. This simply identifies the hours that will be awarded for particular courses that are offered by multiple agencies in multiple time frames. Example: Haz Mat Awareness is offered in a 2-hour course and an 8-hour course; the provider will be awarded 3 hours no matter which course they complete. This policy was approved by EMSAC and MPCC.

All comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM September 19, 2017 to:

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Please indicate WVOEMS Education Policy & Procedure in the subject line.

9.1.b.2. Whenever any changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1 are proposed, a notice of the proposal will be electronically mailed to each EMS Agency and the full text of proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure, will be published on the OEMS website. Notice of the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1, is subject to a thirty (30) day public comment period prior to their being effective. However, the MPCC may waive the public comment period when it finds that exigent circumstances exist and that the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure must be implemented immediately to ensure patient safety.