

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Bureau for Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services

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MEMORANDUM

Tichi & Hildreth TO: West Virginia Emergency Medical Technician Agencies

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Providers

FROM: Vicki Hildreth, BA, NREMT, Program Manager, Education and Training Division,

Office of Emergency Medical Services

DATE: February 10, 2020

RE: Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH)/Community Paramedicine (CP) Program

Offered

The Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH)/Community Paramedicine (CP) Program was created to assist with the clinical care coordination between patients and providers by performing medication inventory and compliance checks, community resource navigation, home safety checks, such as fall risk assessments, post-discharge education, etc. In order to increase the number of Paramedics trained, the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (WVOEMS) secured funding through the Office of Community Health Systems and Health Promotions' Preventative Block Grant. This will allow the Community and Technical Colleges to offer this course at a greatly reduced price.

The MIH/CP course will provide the necessary training to test for the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) MIH/CP Certification.

Lectures will be hosted by Mountwest Community and Technical College conducted on-line via Blackboard. Laboratory and Clinical Rotations will be conducted through the participating colleges.

The following Community and Technical Colleges have been approved to offer the MIH/CP course beginning March 15, 2020:

Mountwest Community and Technical College **Edward Bays** (304) 710-3528 New River Community and Technical College Travis Copenhaver (304) 793-3004 Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine February 10, 2020 Page 2

Qualified Paramedics wishing to participate should contact their local Community and Technical College to apply for admittance into the program. You must meet the preadmission requirements set by the college. You must apply to the participating college before the March 1, 2020 deadline. The first course will begin on March 15, 2020.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to the Community and Technical College contact directly.

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