Temporary Relief of Initial EMT Patient Contact Requirement

PURPOSE: To provide temporary relief of the ten (10) patient contact requirement for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students allowing for National Registry testing.

POLICY: This policy applies to initial EMT courses and alters the requirement for ten (10) patient contacts prior to National Registry testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. This relief policy shall be effective and ONLY apply to EMT courses ending prior to July 1, 2020.

PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:

Beginning immediately, any Initial EMT class scheduled to end prior to July 1, 2020, may follow the below-listed process in order to allow for National Registry testing:

A. EMT students will not be required to complete ten (10) patient contacts **prior** to completing the course and testing National Registry.

B. EMT students will complete the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (WVOEMS) initial EMT State Education Tracking System (SETS) application and ECERT application.

C. The WVOEMS will process the application; however, will **not** issue a WVOEMS certification card.

D. EMT students will be required to complete a minimum of ten (10) patient contacts serving as a student in the presence of an approved Preceptor from the Educational Institute.

E. EMT students and the primary provider will be required to complete the run tracking report for each patient contact.

F. EMT students will submit the ten (10) run tracking reports via email to the WVOEMS education coordinator at Jerry.L.Mullins@wv.gov. A WVOEMS certification card will be issued at that time.