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**WVOEMS Education Institute  
Instructor Endorsement and Education Approval Policy and  
Procedures**

In compliance with Legislative Rule §64CSR48 9.1.2.b. the **WVOEMS Education Institute Instructor Endorsement and Education Approval Policy and Procedures** Version 1 is hereby submitted for a thirty-day public comment period from November 12, 2021 through December 12, 2021.

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards to ensure that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education offered in West Virginia is provided by approved, qualified, and standardized educational institutes and instructors. This policy was created by combining the WVOEMS Educational Institute and Instructor Endorsement Policy with the WVOEMS Education Approval Policy and Procedures into one user friendly document that also includes certification content. This policy has been approved by The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC).

All comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM December 12, 2021, to:

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Please indicate **WVOEMS Education Institute Instructor Endorsement and Education Approval Policy and Procedure** in the subject line.

9.1.2.b. Whenever any changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice, or policy and procedure as authorized in paragraph 9.1.2.a. 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 paragraph 9.1.2.a., is subject to a 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.