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To: All Connecticut EMS Organizations
All Connecticut Sponsor Hospitals

From: Raphael M. Barishansky, M.P.H., M.S., CPM
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Re: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) provider level update

Over the past five years, the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (CEMSAB) and Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee (CEMSMAC) recommended to the Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) the adoption of the 2007 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the 2009 National EMS Education Standards for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic levels of provider. While this decision to adopt and implement the current national scope of practice and education standard was a positive one for both providers and patients, OEMS held off adopting the AEMT level scope of practice and education standard to further consider the level and its utility in the current environment of improved availability of Paramedics. Many stakeholder groups had concerns about the possible elimination of the AEMT level and their voices were heard during the 2014 Legislative session, when a bill proposed to remove this level from statute did not move out of the Public Health Committee.

Since then, CEMSMAC and CEMSAB continued to discuss the AEMT level with OEMS to recommend a solution. Recently, both CEMSMAC and CEMSAB recommended to OEMS to align with the other levels and adopt the 2007 National EMS Scope of Practice and the 2009 National EMS Education Standards for the AEMT level (presently, Connecticut AEMTs are trained and practice the I-85 EMS National Standard Curriculum). **As a result, OEMS has adopted the 2007 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the 2009 National Educational Standards for the AEMT level provider in the state.**



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OEMS has carefully considered what this process may involve for providers and has developed the following timelines for implementation:

- **Effective June 30, 2017**, all initial and refresher AEMT training classes shall comply with the 2007 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the 2009 National EMS Education Standards.
- **Effective June 30, 2018**, all EMS organizations currently operating at the AEMT level must be in compliance with the 2009 AEMT standard with Sponsor Hospital approval.
- **Effective June 30, 2018**, all AEMTs must: (1) successfully complete an OEMS-approved initial AEMT education program adhering to the 2009 National EMS Education Standards, (2) complete and pass an OEMS-approved written and practical certification examination, and (3) apply to OEMS for current AEMT certification.

Current AEMTs who *do not* wish to become certified to the 2009 AEMT standard may transition their current AEMT certification to an EMT certification by providing documentation of successful completion of an approved EMT refresher and written request to OEMS to recertify at the EMT level. This request must be received prior to the expiration date of the provider's AEMT certification, or June 30th, 2018, whichever comes first.

EMS organizations currently certified to operate at the AEMT level that *do not* wish to become certified to the 2009 AEMT standard may transition their current AEMT Certificate of Operation to an EMT Certificate of Operation when they complete their annual renewal application, or prior to June 30th, 2018, whichever comes first.

Compliance with these timelines is mandatory. We appreciate the cooperation of the EMS community as we move forward with this change. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions. For questions specific to AEMT certification, contact [Alex Rodriguez](#); for questions specific to the AEMT Scope of Practice & National EMS Education Standards, contact [Kevin Brown](#). If you prefer to call the office, please call 860-509-7975, and we will direct you to the best person to answer your question.