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SUBJECT: State Recognized CPR Programs

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Organizations & Personnel

FROM: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
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The attached document consists of Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Programs that have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for use by candidates and prehospital practitioners for: Admission to EMS training programs and examinations, initial certification, certification by endorsement, recertification, renewal, recognition, and medical command authorization/reauthorization, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Approved programs can be in the form of in-person instruction or any form of "distributed education" such as video, DVD, CD-ROM, magazine, on-line, etc., but must include the following:

1. One (1) and Two (2) Person Infant, Child, and Adult CPR (inclusive of AED), and maneuvers for the relief of choking/foreign body airway obstruction for all aforementioned patient categories.

2. Final Written Examination.

3. Practical hands-on skills evaluation/examination administered by a current, appropriate level certified CPR Instructor.

All approved programs must provide a course completion card and/or certificate indicating the specific course title, to each individual successfully completing the program.

The courses of instruction approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health in consultation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) for Layperson and Good Samaritan Coverage have also been included for reference purposes.

Please forward any questions to jenglert@state.pa.us.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Basic Life Support
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Programs

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Name of Program	EMS Act Protection	Lay Person Good Samaritan
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute *Pro-Rescuer CPR*	Yes	—
American Heart Association - *BLS for Healthcare Providers*	Yes	—
American Red Cross – *CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer*	Yes	—
American Safety & Health Institute - *CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer*	Yes	—
Emergency University – *Pro CPR and AED*	Yes	—
National Safety Council – *Basic Life Support Healthcare and Professional Rescuers*	Yes	—
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine Training Program *BLS for Healthcare Providers*	Yes	—
American Academy of Pediatrics	No	Yes
American Red Cross	No	Yes
American Safety & Health Institute	No	Yes
Carey Program	No	Yes
Coyne First Aid, Inc.	No	Yes
EMS Safety Services	No	Yes
Emergency First Care Program	No	Yes
Hart Fitness Consulting	No	Yes
Life Emergency Safety Training	No	Yes
Medic First Aid	No	Yes
National Safety Council of Western PA	No	Yes
National Ski Patrol	No	Yes
US Army, Department of Combat Medic	No	Yes
Western PA Safety Council	No	Yes

List will be updated and distributed to regional EMS councils, as requests for recognition and submission of course program materials are received, reviewed, and approved.

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