



## **EMS Information Bulletin 2015-003**

**DATE:** May 6, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** 2015 PA DOH Statewide Protocol Update  
**TO:** Regional EMS Councils  
PA EMS Agencies & Providers  
**FROM:** Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
PA Department of Health  
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The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is pleased to announce the release of the 2015 PA Department of Health Statewide BLS Treatment Protocols via the PADOH Website. Access to the website is as follows:

[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

- My Health
- Emergency Medical Services
- EMS Statewide Protocols

Additionally, the PowerPoint and Lesson Plans for the 2015 PA Department of Health Statewide BLS Treatment Protocol Update (Course # 007692) was recently forwarded to the Regional EMS Education Coordinators for distribution to the EMS Agency Medical Directors within each specific region.

Please note that these protocols will be in effect starting 1 July 2015. All EMS providers are required to complete the protocol update course prior to this date. Once this training is complete, the EMS Agency Medical Director may authorize the use of these protocols prior to 1 July.

Delivery of the training is at the discretion of the EMS Agency Medical Director through one of the following methods:

- Personally present the educational sessions
- Appoint a designee from the EMS Agency to conduct the educational sessions
- Accept the pending LMS program version as course completion for those unable to attend an in-person training

EMS Providers should contact their EMS Agency Medical Director for information relating to the educational presentations.



February 23, 2015

TO: EMS Providers Expiring April 1, 2015

FROM: Richard Gibbons, Director  
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

DATE: February 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Registration Renewal

### **CPR Course Completion**

An EMS provider whose certification is currently registered and who elects to qualify for re-registration shall satisfy the requirements that have been imposed under §1023.31, of the Pennsylvania EMS Rules and Regulations regarding Continuing Education Requirements. In addition to the continuing education requirements all EMS Providers must provide proof that they have successfully completed or taught an Approved CPR course biennially. The Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of EMS maintains a list of approved CPR training programs at <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=556994&mode=2>

If you have not yet submitted verification of successful program completion of a CPR course acceptable to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, please submit it to your PA Regional EMS Council within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this correspondence. Please include your name and PA Certification number along with copies of both front and back of cards to ensure proper credit.

EMS Providers must provide proof of successful course completion to their assigned Regional EMS Council Office. Please contact your Regional EMS Council Office directly for instructions on submitting your verification. You may locate your assigned Regional EMS Council Office by entering your certification number in the website below.

<https://ems.health.state.pa.us/EMSreg/ActivePractitioners.aspx>

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=556974&mode=2>

### **EMSVO Update**

Additionally, if you are recognized as an EMS Vehicle Operator (EMSVO) in Pennsylvania, your certification card should also indicate the EMSVO registration. If "EMSVO" does not appear on your card, you have not been registered as an EMSVO. If you are not registered as an EMSVO, please contact your EMS Agency manager or local PA Regional EMS Council for information to complete the recognition process in order to be eligible to operate an EMS vehicle.

Please do not hesitate to contact your local PA Regional EMS Council office in the event of any questions.