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TO: PA EMS Regional Educational Coordinators
PA Regional EMS Directors
PA EMS Agencies
PA EMS Providers

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SUBJECT: Out of State Clinical / Field Experience

EMS Providers who choose to attend AEMT or Paramedic programs outside of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) must be aware that these programs are not accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Educational programs that exist outside of the Commonwealth which desire to have students perform field or clinical rotations within the Commonwealth must comply with the Pennsylvania EMS Act, the Rules and Regulations, and ensure compliance with national EMS accrediting bodies.

The attached document outlines the process to ensure EMS students performing clinical or field rotations from an EMS Education Program not accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS comply with the Pennsylvania EMS Act and the subsequent Rules and Regulations.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Regional EMS Council.



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Out of State Clinical / Field Experience

Purpose: To assure EMS students performing clinical or field rotations from an EMS Education Program not accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, which exists out of state, complies with the Pennsylvania EMS Act and the subsequent rules and regulations.

References: [28 Pa. Code § 1023.26\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
[28 Pa. Code § 1023.27\(b\)\(2\)](#)
[35 Pa.C.S. § 8116\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
[35 Pa.C.S. § 8117\(b\)](#)
[Pennsylvania EMSIB 2019-02](#)
[CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in the EMS Professions, 1/1/2024](#)

The out of state program is responsible for providing the information below to the Pennsylvania Regional EMS Office that represents the Pennsylvania field or clinical site location which will be utilized. The Regional EMS Office will then forward this information to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department), Bureau of EMS.

Upon review of this information below the out of state program, the Regional EMS Council, the participating clinical and/or field site will receive a verification letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS. This letter will serve as official verification that this obligation has been met.

General Program Responsibilities

_____ AEMT and Paramedic Programs must demonstrate their Education Program is accredited by a state EMS Office.

_____ Paramedic Programs must also demonstrate CAAHEP Accreditation or Letter of Review.

_____ Demonstrate current clinical and/or field agreement with organizations in Pennsylvania that will be utilized for clinical/field rotations.

_____ Describe how communication is made to the Pennsylvania field or clinical organization and/or preceptors that will set what the expectations of the student are, including permitted skills.

_____ Describe how preceptors receive education on evaluating the institutes students.

_____ Provide contact information for the Educational Program Clinical Coordinator.

_____ Provide a sample student evaluation form which is used by the clinical and/or field site to provide feedback to the student. (CAAHEP IV (A)(1))



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Medical Director

_____ Demonstrate that the out of state education program Medical Director, Associate or Assistant Medical Director be a physician currently licensed and authorized to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which assigned program field and clinical activities occur, with experience and current knowledge of emergency care of acutely ill and injured patients; (CAAHEP III (3)(b)(1), CAAHEP III (3)(4)(b)(1))

_____ Demonstrate that the out of state education Medical Director, Associate or Assistant Medical Director has adequate training or experience in the delivery of out-of-hospital emergency care including the proper care and transport of patients, medical direction, and quality improvement in out-of-hospital care; (CAAHEP III (3)(b)(2), CAAHEP III (4)(b)(2))) and

_____ Demonstrate that the out of state education Medical Director, Associate or Assistant Medical Director is knowledgeable about the education of the Emergency Medical Services Professions including professional, legislative, and regulatory issues regarding the education of the Emergency Medical Services Professions. (CAAHEP III (3)(b)(3), CAAHEP III (4)(b)(3)))

_____ Describe how the out of state education Medical Director, Associate or Assistant Medical Director provides medical supervision and oversight of students participating in clinical rotations, field experience, and capstone field internship as it relates to sites in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (CAAHEP 4(a)(1))

Student Expectations

AEMT or Paramedic students not currently certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will need to seek Certification by Endorsement as an EMS provider in Pennsylvania, at the EMT level or higher, by the Department prior to performing any clinical and or field rotation with a Pennsylvania based organization. ([EMS Registry Job Aid for Certification by Endorsement.pdf](#)) 35 Pa.C.S. § 8116(b)(ii), 35 Pa.C.S. § 8117(b)

EMS Agency and Clinical Site Responsibilities

_____ Assure there is a current agreement with the out of state education program for clinical/field rotations.

_____ Assure there is a communication process in place with the educational program to communicate with the preceptors, or a point of contact for the agency, which shares the expectations of the student and the skills each is permitted to perform.

_____ Assure preceptors receive education on evaluating the educational institutes students.

_____ Assure contact information for the Educational Program Clinical Coordinator has been provided.

_____ Have been provided a sample student evaluation form that is used by the clinical and/or field site to provide feedback to the student. (CAAHEP IV (A)(1))



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_____Assure the AEMT or Paramedic students participating in the clinical or field rotation are currently certified as an EMS provider, at the EMT level or higher, by the Department. ([EMS Registry](#))