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SUBJECT: National Incident Management System

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Due to the federal government shutdown, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website is not allowing users to access the training section to complete the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) 100 and 700 courses. This is impacting Pennsylvania EMS Educational Institutes and the ability to enroll students in initial certification education programs to complete these courses as part of their educational requirement.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS is temporarily suspending the curricular requirement for EMS educational institutes to verify their students as having successfully completed NIMS 100 and 700 courses. This requirement will be reinstated once access to the courses on the FEMA site is restored.

EMS Agencies need to be aware of this temporary change as recent graduates may not have proof of meeting the NIMS 100 and 700 during onboarding.

Should you have any questions, please contact your local Regional EMS Council or Bureau of EMS Education Manager Timothy Reitz at timreitz@pa.gov