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Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services

Best Practices Guideline
Emergency Medical Technician Initial Education Sponsorship - July 2012

The Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services, also known as the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund (EMTTF), is charged by law (Public Law 1992, chapter 143), with the responsibility for establishing guidelines and making recommendations regarding reimbursement from the fund to entities providing EMT testing and training activities. For the past several years, the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund has consistently expended more than its annual revenues. In order to maintain high quality education at the lowest possible cost to the Fund, the Council recommended modifications to the Department's reimbursement practice for both initial and elective continuing education programs.

The following guidelines are being recommended to the EMTTF eligible agencies for immediate implementation with respect to endorsing members and/or prospective members for EMT initial education programs:

1. All EMTTF candidates must meet the definition of member in good standing (or similar term) as determined by their eligible agency, **and**
2. Possess valid CPR course completion documentation to the level of professional rescuer from the:
 - a. American Heart Association – BLS Healthcare Provider, **or**
 - b. American Red Cross – Professional Rescuer, **or**
 - c. American Safety and Health Institute – Professional Rescuer, **or**
 - d. AAOS/ACEP Emergency Care and Safety Institute – Healthcare Provider, **or**
 - e. National Safety Council – Basic Life Support: Healthcare & Professional Rescuers, **or**
 - f. Department of Defense – Professional Rescuer, **and**
3. Possess valid documentation of course completion as an Emergency Medical Responder to the 2009 National Education Standards from the:
 - a. American Red Cross, **or**
 - b. Jones & Bartlett Publishers, **or**
 - c. Pearson Brady Publishers, **or**
 - d. Mosby/Elsevier Publishers, **or**
 - e. McGraw Hill/National Safety Council, **and**
4. Have served for at least six (6) months with the eligible EMS agency, **or**
5. Have served for at least 100 hours with the eligible EMS agency, **or**
6. Have participated/observed at least 25 active 9-1-1 calls, **or**
7. Have served for at least ten (10) active duty periods with the eligible EMS agency.

The endorsed student whose education will be paid for by the EMT Training Fund has contractually agreed to continue to be a member in good standing with the sponsoring volunteer EMS agency for a period not less than twice that listed in 4 through 6 above.