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Dear EMS Instructor,

The PA Department of Health Bureau of EMS (BEMS) and Emergency Health Services Federation (EHSF) Regional EMS Council have teamed up to offer the 2009 Instructor Update. This update will be a different format than in the past. As an instructor, Title 28 requires that you complete an instructor update in order to renew your EMS Instructor certification. The update format will be as follows:

Module 1
The Bureau of EMS will review many different topics including test scores, new testing scenarios and procedures, new BLS skill sheets and a new swift water rescue program. This module will also be made available on the Learning Management System and must be completed before proceeding to the next module.

Module 2
This session will be an interactive session coordinated by EHSF. In this session students will review essential educational concepts and approaches used in today's classroom. We will discuss how to recognize and use group dynamics in your classroom and discuss how changes in the national scope of practice will affect you as an instructor. It is recommended that you complete module 2 prior to the next module.

Module 3
This session will be an interactive session coordinated by EHSF. This session is designed to help instructors with the psychomotor skills. In this module each instructor will view a series of videos. These videos show instructional approaches in teaching psychomotor objectives. Instructors will participate in a practical setting reviewing skills in several different roles as an instructor, a patient actor, an EMS student, or a bystander.

Module 4
Beginning on January 1, 2010, and starting with the first full certification period, each instructor will be required to be monitored in a classroom setting by EHSF staff or our designee. You will need to complete this review before you renew your instructor certification. This session will need to be scheduled with EHSF. Modules 1-3 must be completed prior to beginning Module 4.

Certificates of completion will be given by EHSF for each module completed. After the completion of modules 1-3, the DOH BEMS will award 20 hours of instructional time to each candidate.

Please feel free to contact our office if you should have any question 717-774-7911

Respectfully

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