



BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## **EMS Information Bulletin 2011-013-B**

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**SUBJECT:** State Recognized CPR Programs

**TO:** Pennsylvania EMS Organizations & Personnel

**FROM:** Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
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**EMS Information Bulletin #68 dated June 30, 2009 is rescinded and replaced with this EMS Information Bulletin #2011-013-B dated October 24, 2011.**

The attached document consists of Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Programs that have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) for use by EMS candidates and prehospital EMS practitioners for: Admission to EMS training programs and examinations, initial certification, certification by endorsement, recertification, renewal, recognition, and medical command authorization or reauthorization, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Approved programs can be in the form of in-person instruction or any form of “distributed education” such as video, DVD, CD-ROM, magazine, on-line, etc, but must include the following:

1. One (1) and Two (2) Person Infant, Child, and Adult CPR (Inclusive of AED), and maneuvers for the relief of choking/foreign body airway obstruction for all aforementioned patient categories.
2. Final Written Examination.
3. Practical hands-on skills evaluation/examination administered by a current, appropriate level certified CPR Instructor representing the approved program.

All approved programs must provide a course completion card and/or certificate indicating the specific course title, to each individual successfully completing the program. Valid Instructor cards representing any of the specifically approved EMS course titles are acceptable for submission by Instructors.

The courses of instruction approved by the Department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, for Layperson and Good Samaritan Coverage have also been included for reference; however, are not approved for EMS personnel.

Vendors seeking recognition for specific courses must request a review on letterhead and submit a copy of the materials utilized within their program to the Department’s Bureau of EMS for recognition as an approved CPR program for prehospital practitioners or Lay Person-Good Samaritan coverage. **This request should be submitted any time the CPR Guidelines change and/or you have a change in product format or release new materials.** Please forward any questions to [madellinge@pa.gov](mailto:madellinge@pa.gov).

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Basic Life Support Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Programs  
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Name of Program	EMS Act Protection	Lay Person Good Samaritan
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute <i>Health-Care Provider CPR</i>	Yes	—
American Heart Association - <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>	Yes	Yes
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider</i>	Yes	Yes
American Safety & Health Institute - <i>CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer</i>	Yes	—
ProCPR LLC - <i>ProCPR</i>	Yes	
<b><i>As of this date, the following programs have not been submitted to BEMS for approval.</i></b>		
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine Training Program <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>		
National Safety Council – <i>Basic Life Support Healthcare and Professional Rescuer</i>		
American Academy of Pediatrics		
American Red Cross		
American Safety & Health Institute		
Carey Program		
Coyne First Aid, Inc.		
EMS Safety Services		
Emergency First Care Program		
Hart Fitness Consulting		
Life Emergency Safety Training		
Medic First Aid		
National Safety Council of Western PA		
National Ski Patrol		
US Army, Department of Combat Medic		
Western PA Safety Council		

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This list will be updated and distributed to regional EMS councils, as requests for recognition and submission of course program materials are received, reviewed, and approved. Please forward any questions to [madellinge@pa.gov](mailto:madellinge@pa.gov).