

## **EMS Information Bulletin 2013-005**

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**SUBJECT:** State Recognized CPR Programs

**TO:** Pennsylvania EMS Educational Institutes, EMS Agencies, EMS Practitioners

**FROM:** Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
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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 for use by EMS candidates and prehospital EMS practitioners for: Admission to EMS education programs and examinations, initial certification, certification by endorsement, recertification, renewal, recognition, and medical command authorization/reauthorization, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Approved programs can be in the form of in-person instruction or any form of “distributive 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/Cognitive Examination.
3. Practical/Psychomotor 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 candidate 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 Pennsylvania Department of Health in consultation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC), for Layperson and Good Samaritan Coverage have also been included for reference; however, they are not approved for EMS Practitioners.

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 Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, 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 there is a change in product format or release of new educational materials. All materials must clearly indicate that they meet the 2010 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science with Treatment Recommendations.** Please forward any questions to [paemsoffice@pa.gov](mailto:paemsoffice@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 Orthopedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute <i>Health-Care Provider CPR</i>	Yes	Yes
American Heart Association - <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>	Yes	Yes
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider</i>	Yes	Yes
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer</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	Yes
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine and Trauma Program – <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>	Yes	Yes
National Safety Council – <i>Basic Life Support Healthcare and Professional Rescuer</i>	Yes	Yes
Pro CPR LLC – <i>Pro-CPR</i>	Yes	Yes
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED</i>	No	Yes
American Safety & Health Institute – <i>CPR/AED</i>	No	Yes
Coyne First Aid, Inc. – <i>Basic Life Support</i>	No	Yes
Emcare Consulting Group – <i>Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED</i>	No	Yes
Emergency First Response Corp. – <i>CPR/AED</i>	No	Yes
Medic First Aid	No	Yes
National Safety Council – <i>CPR/AED</i>	No	Yes

(Valid Instructor cards representing any of the specifically approved EMS course titles are acceptable)

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.