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EMT Instructors and EMTs in Alaska,

RE: Skills Verification

The Section of Injury Prevention and EMS has recently reviewed the process for recertification in the EMS regulations.

For people who are still currently certified as an EMT or for those who have been expired less than one year, there is a choice between Skills Verification or a Practical Examination. For those EMTs who have been expired between 1 year and 3 years there is a requirement that they complete BOTH a Skills Verification as well as a Practical Exam. (This has not changed)^[1].

There have been many questions about who specifically is a “department-approved instructor” for the sake of these Skills Verifications. This email serves to clarify who may and who may not perform Skills Verifications:

- A person with a license to perform medicine nursing (physician, PA, paramedic, or nurse) MAY ONLY verify skills for EMTs if they are also certified as an EMT Instructor in Alaska;
- An EMT-1 instructor MAY perform skills verifications for EMT-1s;
- If an EMT-1 instructor is certified as an EMT-2 provider – they MAY perform skills checks for EMT-1 and EMT-2 providers;
- If an EMT-1 instructor is certified as an EMT-3 provider – they MAY perform skills checks for EMT-1, EMT-2 and EMT-3 providers;
- If an EMT-1 instructor is licensed as an MICP, nurse, PA or physician – they MAY perform skills checks for EMT-1, EMT-2 and EMT-3 providers;
- An EMT-2 instructor MAY perform skills verifications for EMT-1 and EMT-2 providers;
- An EMT-3 instructor MAY perform skills verifications for EMT-1, EMT-2, and EMT-3 providers; and
- MICP Course Coordinator MAY ONLY verify skills for EMTs if they are also certified as an EMT Instructor in Alaska.

Instructors still MAY NOT perform their own skills checks or sign the skills verifications on their own applications.

The Section of IPEMS hopes that this will increase access for EMTs seeking recertification while maintaining the standard required in our regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lee Parham at (907) 465-5467.

¹¹ 7 AAC 26.110

Respectfully,

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