



# Policy Statement

## Required CPR Education for EMS Providers

### **Purpose**

To define and provide guidance for accepted cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses for educational courses, certification of providers, and training for Public Access Defibrillation entities.

Any other policy statements, or SEMAC Advisories, concerning CPR and/or PAD entities are still in effect unless otherwise stated.

### **Policy**

Acceptable CPR education must be healthcare provider or equivalent, and in accordance with current EMT/AEMT/Paramedic National Education Standards and meet the most current International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) guidelines for CPR & ECC.

Testing must include adult and infant obstructed airway procedures, adult one- and two-person rescuer CPR, child, and infant CPR.

An in-person skills verification is required for any course to be accepted. Courses that are conducted entirely online are not accepted.

For all original and refresher CFR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic courses, all documentation pertaining to CPR must become a part of the student files. To meet CME requirements or to be admitted to the course final practical skills examination, all students must pass CPR and obtain their CPR certification in accordance with this policy.

The following basic CPR courses for healthcare providers will be routinely accepted. Others must provide proof of equivalency and will be evaluated on an individual basis:

- American Heart Association- BLS Instructor or BLS Provider
- American Red Cross- CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, Basic Life Support
- American Safety & Health Institute- Basic Life Support BLS for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers
- AAOS/ACEP Emergency Care and Safety Institute- Health Care Provider CPR and AED
- National Safety Council- Basic Life Support for Healthcare & Professional Rescuers