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System Memo: # 357

To: All Chiefs; Provider EMSCs, Hospital EMSCs/Educators

From: Connie J. Mattera, MS, RN, EMT-P
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RE: **Clarification on NREMT exams
MAKE UP DATES for Aug and Sept 2015 CE**

In System memo #355 we rolled out how currently licensed paramedics could attend portions of the Paramedic class seminar hours to complete required topics and hours to meet the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) Refresher Course prior to voluntarily taking the NREMT written and practical exams.

This opportunity will be offered again next year.

Clarification re: NREMT exams:

NREMT WRITTEN EXAMS are computer adaptive and taken at testing centers. They are self-scheduled by the paramedic at a date and time of their choosing after receiving approval to test by Dr. Ortinau, applying on-line to the NREMT, and receiving an authorization to test message with a PIN number from the NREMT. The Paramedic class Seminar morning sessions are designed to prepare attendees for the NREMT written exam. The seminar schedule is posted to the System website: www.nwcemss.org.

NREMT PRACTICAL EXAMS are taken at NCH and will be held on June 27 and July 18 as explained in System memo 355. The Paramedic class Seminar afternoon labs are designed to prepare attendees for the NREMT practical exam.

MAKE UP CLASSES FOR NWC EMSS CE

Paramedics who may have missed System CE this past year are encouraged to complete the Credit Question packets for that class. However, they may also make them up by attending paramedic class seminar hours covering those topics (didactic in the morning; labs in the afternoon).

Two CE classes could not be made up by completing Credit Question Packets as they involved patient scenarios with practical skill performance. See below how they can be made up by attending paramedic class seminar labs:

NWC EMSS CE Month - Topic	Make-up Date – Time	
Aug 2015 Pediatric cardiac arrest	June 7	1300-1700
Sept 2015 Trauma Assessment	June 6	1300-1700

All Paramedic Seminar classes/labs are held at Northwest Community Hospital in Rooms LC 3&4.

Please e-mail Dara Sordo (dsordo@nch.org) or Kathy Fitzpatrick (Kfitzpatri@nch.org) if you plan to attend so we have adequate handouts printed and/or preceptors confirmed.

Note: Currently, **registrations for the Region IX EMS Conference** to be held later this month at Harper College **are closed** as we have reached capacity. If you wish to attend, please e-mail Robyn Mazzolini at robyn.mazzolini@advocatehealth.com, to be put on a waiting list.

The **Region IX Conference** will provide an excellent opportunity to enhance our understanding of the topics presented, but **will NOT serve to make up the Practical CE classes listed above.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at cmattera@nch.org.