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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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**DATE:** January 28, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** State Recognized CPR Programs  
**TO:** Pennsylvania EMS Organizations & Personnel  
**FROM:** Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
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**EMS Information Bulletin #051, dated November 5, 2007 is rescinded and replaced with this EMS Information Bulletin #065 dated January 28, 2009.**

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 training 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 "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 named and approved EMS program titles attached to this document, are acceptable for submission by Instructors.

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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 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 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.

Please forward any questions to [jenglert@state.pa.us](mailto:jenglert@state.pa.us).

**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	—
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute <i>Pro-Rescuer CPR</i>	Yes	—
American Heart Association - <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>	Yes	—
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider (10/08)</i>	Yes	—
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer</i>	Yes	—
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider (10/08)</i>	Yes	—
American Safety & Health Institute - <i>CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer</i>	Yes	—
Emergency University – <i>Pro CPR and AED</i>	Yes	—
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine Training Program <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>	Yes	—
National Safety Council – <i>Basic Life Support Healthcare and Professional Rescuers</i>	Yes	—
American Academy of Pediatrics	No	Yes
American Red Cross	No	Yes
American Safety & Health Institute	No	Yes
Carey Program	No	Yes
Coyne First Aid, Inc.	No	Yes
EMS Safety Services	No	Yes
Emergency First Care Program	No	Yes
Hart Fitness Consulting	No	Yes
Life Emergency Safety Training	No	Yes
Medic First Aid	No	Yes
National Safety Council of Western PA	No	Yes
National Ski Patrol	No	Yes
US Army, Department of Combat Medic	No	Yes
Western PA Safety Council	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.