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SUBJECT: EMS Provider Examination Policy

TO: Regional EMS Directors

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Please review the following policy regarding EMS Provider Examinations, which is effective immediately. This policy is based on EMS Act 37 § 8113 (e).

EMS Provider Examinations:
(1) A person who intends to secure EMS Provider Certification shall take the required certification examinations within one year after completing the EMS Provider training required for certification.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who fails a written or practical skills examination for an EMS Provider Certification shall repeat the failed examination without retaking the examination the person passed.

(3) A person who fails the written examination three times shall complete a refresher course approved by the Department or repeat the EMS Provider training program before taking the examination again.

(4) A person who fails the practical skills examination three times shall complete a remedial course approved by the Department or repeat the EMS Provider training program before taking the examination again.

(5) A person who fails either the written or practical skills examination six times or who does not pass the required examinations within two years after completing the EMS Provider training program shall receive no credit for an examination previously passed and shall repeat the training program for the EMS Provider Certification before the person may take the certification examinations again.

(6) If the standards a person needs to satisfy in order to take a certification examination change after the person has failed the examination, the person may not retake the examination unless the person meets the new standards.

(7) The department may, by regulation, change the requirements in this section.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth McAteer at (717) 787-8740.