



EMS Information Bulletin 2018-07

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SUBJECT: Updated Critical Care Transport and Air Ambulance Transport Approved Educational Programs

TO: Regional EMS Directors
Regional EMS Education Coordinators
PA EMS Agencies

FROM: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
PA Department of Health
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Under 28 Pa. Code §§ 1027.39(d) and 1027.40(f), (relating to critical care transport ambulance service and air ambulance service), expansion of an EMS provider's scope of practice includes traditional EMS skills, as well as those skills included in the EMS provider's general scope of practice that were published at 45 Pa.B. 5463 (August 29, 2015). To perform these expanded skills, an EMS provider must receive additional education and successfully complete a critical care transport (CCT) educational program or air ambulance transport educational program approved by the Department of Health (department). Minimum requirements to become an approved CCT educational program or air ambulance transport educational program, and a list of approved CCT educational programs and air ambulance transport educational programs, will be updated on the department's website, upon review and acceptance by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

CCT ambulance services and air ambulance services seeking approval for an educational program may submit a program for review to the Department at www.health.pa.gov as follows:

- My Health > Emergency Medical Services > EMS in PA > EMS Education Information
 - Pennsylvania Air Ambulance/Ground Critical Care Transport Educational Program Course Sponsor Checklist (PDF)

CCT ambulance services and air ambulance services need to follow the submission instructions on the document in its entirety prior to submitting the document to the department.

An EMS provider that has a current certification by the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification as a Flight Paramedic or ground Critical Care Transport Paramedic has met the requirements for expansion of his or her applicable scope of practice and is not required to take an additional course.

Additionally, Pennsylvania certified Prehospital Registered Nurses (PHRNs) with a current specialty certification as a Certified Flight Registered Nurse, Certified Transport Registered Nurse, Certified Emergency Nurse or Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse, who have completed additional education as outlined in the attached “Critical Care Transport PHRN Additional Education Requirements,” can serve on a Pennsylvania licensed ground critical care transport ambulance or air ambulance.

Please do not hesitate to contact your regional EMS council office in the event of any questions.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT AND AIR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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CCT ambulance services and air ambulance services seeking approval for an educational program that does not appear below may submit a program for review to the department at www.health.pa.gov as follows:

- My Health > Emergency Medical Services > EMS in PA > EMS Education Information
 - Pennsylvania Air Ambulance/Ground Critical Care Transport Educational Program Course Sponsor Checklist (PDF):
- Follow the submission instructions on the document in its entirety prior to submitting it to the department.

An EMS provider who has a current certification from the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification as a Flight Paramedic or ground Critical Care Transport Paramedic is considered to have met the requirements for expansion of his or her applicable scope of practice and is not required to take an additional course.

Additionally, Pennsylvania certified Prehospital Registered Nurses (PHRNs) with a current specialty certification as a Certified Flight Registered Nurse, Certified Transport Registered Nurse, Certified Emergency Nurse or Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse, who have completed additional education as outlined in the attached "Critical Care Transport Education Matrix for PHRNs," can serve on a Pennsylvania licensed ground critical care transport ambulance or air ambulance.

COURSE TITLE	COURSE OWNER	FORMAT	COURSE OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION
Critical Care Paramedic Course (Air & Ground Approval)	UMBC Emergency Health Services	Classroom (Proprietary)	UMBC Department of Emergency Health Services Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) 1000 Hilltop Circle; Sherman Hall, A-Wing; Room 303 Baltimore, MD 21250 (410) 455-3584 or danette@umbc.edu
Ground Critical Care Transport Program for Paramedics (Ground Approval)	Superior Ambulance Service	Classroom (Proprietary)	Superior Ambulance Service P.O. Box 247, 921 East Main Street Ext. Grove City, PA 16127 (724) 458-5350 Douglas L. Dick, Chief
Critical Care Transport Review (Ground Approval)	Distance CME	Live, On-Line (Proprietary)	Distance CME 93 Old York Road Jenkintown, PA 19046 (267) 417-0009
Critical Care Ground Transport Course for the ALS Provider (Ground Approval)	EmergyCare	Classroom (Proprietary)	EmergyCare Education 1926 Peach Street Erie, PA 16502 Phone: (814) 870-1040 Fax: (814) 870-1910 Contact: James Kifer, Education Coordinator
JeffSTAT Critical Care Paramedic Course JeffSTAT Combined Critical Care Paramedic Course and Prehospital Nurse Course (Air & Ground Approval)	JeffSTAT EMS Training Center	Classroom (Proprietary)	JeffSTAT EMS Training Center 833 Chestnut Street, Suite 940 Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 503-9279 Contact: Cathleen W. Vandenbraak Cathleen.vandenbraak@jefferson.edu
Critical Care Paramedic Program (Ground Approval)	Montgomery County EMS Training Institute	Classroom (Proprietary)	Montgomery County EMS Training Institute 1175 Conshohocken Road Conshohocken, PA 19528 (610) 278-2666 or EMSTraining@Montcopa.org

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<p>Air Ambulance Transport Course</p> <p>Ground Critical Care Transport Course</p>	<p>Center for Emergency Medicine/STAT MedEvac</p>	<p>Classroom (Proprietary)</p>	<p>Center for Emergency Medicine/STAT MedEvac 10 Allegheny County Airport West Mifflin, PA 15122 (412) 460-3000 Ext. 456 Don Holsten, Education Manager</p>
<p>Critical Care Transport Course</p> <p>T3 Critical Care Air Bridge Program – Paramedic</p> <p>PHRN Bridge Course – Ground Transport</p>	<p>Temple Transport Team Inc</p>	<p>Classroom (Proprietary)</p>	<p>Temple Transport Team/TEMPLE MEDFLIGHT Temple Health System Transport Team, Inc. Beacon House, 3rd Floor 100 East Lehigh Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19125 (866) 4-T3-TEAM Christopher M. Ritter, Director of Clinical Operations christopher.ritter@tuhs.temple.edu</p>