



**EMS Information Bulletin 2020-28**

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**SUBJECT:** Changes to BLS Psychomotor Examination

**TO:** PA EMS Agencies  
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Based on recommendations from the PEHSC Educational Taskforce, evolving clinical practice, and changes made by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians changes are being implemented to the Pennsylvania BLS psychomotor examination.

Effective 12/01/2020 the following stations are being **removed** from the BLS psychomotor exam.

1. Long Spine Board Immobilization is removed from the exam in its entirety.
2. Short Spine Board Immobilization is removed from the exam in its entirety.

On the same date listed above the bleeding control station is being moved from the random skill category and will be a station that all BLS psychomotor examination candidates will be required to pass for successful exam completion.

While these skills are being removed from the psychomotor examination, it does not relieve an accredited educational institution of their obligation to teach the skill, and to ensure competence in accordance with the National EMS Education Standards.

Please direct any questions to your Regional EMS Council.