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Date: December 16, 2003
To: Agency Training Officers, EMS Providers
From: Matt Lawler, Training Director
Re: Training Calendar

Enclosed, you will find the training calendar for January 2004 through June 2004. Please post the calendar at your agency and/or distribute copies to your providers. The calendar is also available on our website at www.csems.vaems.org/calendar. The calendar is available in Adobe Acrobat and Microsoft Word format.

Skills Evaluation

In November 2003, the Medical Control Review Committee elected to change the name of Skills Drill to Skills Evaluation. The committee felt the change better reflected the purpose of these sessions. Therefore from this point forward, Skills Drill will be referred to as Skills Evaluation.

In the first half of the year, there will be two Skill Evaluation months; February and June. I would like to remind you that ALS providers are required to attend two of the three skill evaluations offered each year and providers cannot miss consecutive skill evaluations.

The February skill evaluation will focus on pediatrics. Providers will be permitted to utilize protocol books as reference at the skill station. However, excessive reliance on the protocol book while assessing and treating the patient will not be considered acceptable.

BLS Continuing Education

Beginning in January, we will begin offering monthly BLS continuing education. The program is set up so that every two years, all twenty-four hours of EMT Category 1 CE is offered in each region.

ALS Continuing Education

Our ALS CE program will continue as it has in the past. Currently, the program is the ALS transition CE for Shock Trauma Techs and Cardiac Techs desiring to transition to EMT-Enhanced and EMT-Intermediate respectively. At the same time, these CE classes are open to all ALS providers for Category 1 CE credit.

Registration

Registration for skills evaluation and CE classes is required. If you do not register for skill evaluations, you may not be permitted to participate in the session if the staffing levels cannot accommodate extra providers that are not registered. CE classes that do not have any registrations 24 hours in advance will be cancelled. You can register for all sessions on-line at www.csems.vaems.org/register or call our office at 540-886-3676 or 800-868-5646.