



Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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Date: September 6, 2005
To: CSEMS Council Regional Preceptors
From: Matt Lawler, CSEMS Council Training Director
Re: 2005 Regional Preceptor Program Update

The Central Shenandoah EMS Council completed the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services accreditation process in May 2005. Much time was spent by Council staff structuring a training program to meet rigid requirements set for by the standards of accreditation. Modifications to the regional preceptor program were part of this accreditation process.

Orientation of new regional preceptors is now accomplished in a new on-line training format. Prospective preceptors are required to submit an application to the Council training division. The applicants are then directed to complete an on-line orientation on the Council's website. At the completion of the orientation, applicants are tested on the material covered and are required to achieve an 80% on the examination. Ultimately, the regional preceptor's application is presented to the Medical Control Review Committee (MCRC) for final approval.

One significant change accreditation of the training program brings to the regional preceptor program is how paperwork is completed for the students. The primary focus of this update is to make you aware of the changes to that paperwork. The update should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

The Regional Preceptor Manual has also been expanded and now includes sections on adult learning and expanded precepting guidelines. You are encouraged you to review this material in addition to the topic covered specifically by this update.

This update is required for all CSEMS Council regional preceptors. You should complete this update no later than October 2, 2005. A new list of qualified regional preceptors will be posted on October 3, 2005. If you fail to complete the update by the deadline, you will no longer be recognized as a regional preceptor. However, completion of the update after October 2, 2005 will reinstate you as a regional preceptor.

The update is on-line at the CSEMS Council's website at www.csems.vaems.org/preceptor2005. You will need the username and password listed below to access the update:

User name: [REDACTED]
Password: [REDACTED]

If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact me and I will make arrangements to forward the necessary update materials to you.

Thank you for the work you do as regional preceptors. Your knowledge and experience you share with the students from the training programs is invaluable for both the students and the patients they will treat.

If you have any questions regarding the update, please contact me.