

To: All EMS Agencies

From: Michael O'Brien, MD – Chairman, WREMAC

Re: Regional Credentialing and CME Requirement Guidance Document

Date: June 3, 2020

The Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (WREMAC) would like to provide formal notice regarding regional credentialing and continuing medical education requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Annual Skills:

The WREMAC suspended the annual reporting for hands-on annual skills until September 30, 2020. This also extends to newly certified providers (including those who obtained certification via the NYS reinstatement program). However, agencies will need to speak with their agency medical director to determine his/her expectations for completion of hands-on skill demonstrations. The September 30, 2020 date was a preliminary date selected at the start of the pandemic. The WREMAC appreciates the logistics of completing these skills and will re-evaluate the feasibility of this date at the June WREMAC meeting. Unless directed otherwise by your agency medical director, the region does not require you to complete these skills at this time.

Ancillary Certification Courses:

Like annual skills, the WREMAC suspended the requirement for ancillary courses (CPR, Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Life Support, Trauma Life Support). The WREMAC will follow extension dates as established by the accrediting organizations (AHA, ARC, NAEMSP and NAEMT).

To ensure the WREMAC does not promulgate conflicting information, we are providing links to the websites where you can find extension information:

AHA: <https://cpr.heart.org/en/resources/coronavirus-covid19-resources-for-cpr-training>

ARC: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/coronavirus-information>

ITLS: https://www.itrauma.org/itls_news/interim-guidance-from-itls-during-covid-19-outbreak/

PHTLS: <https://naemt.org/course-administration/covid-19-pandemic-operations-plan-for-conducting-naemt-courses>

EPC: <https://naemt.org/course-administration/covid-19-pandemic-operations-plan-for-conducting-naemt-courses>