SPONSOR HOSPITAL COUNCIL of GREATER BRIDGEPORT

CME Requirements for Medical Control Renewal Period
CME Requirements for July 1, 2017-September 30, 2019

Continuing medical education is a crucial part of the professional development and continued competency of all health care professionals. SHCGB maintains this policy and procedure as part of a comprehensive continuous quality improvement program.

SHCGB requires that the EMS provider retain a certificate of attendance from all CME programs he or she attends. These documents will be required for processing renewal of medical control applications. Content that is not nationally accredited (CECBEMS or equivalent) requires preapproval for acceptance. Renewal of a partial period is on a pro-rata basis.

1.0 Paramedics

While SHCGB utilizes the framework established by the National Registry of EMTs as the baseline for its CME requirements, Paramedics wishing to maintain National Registry are responsible for ensuring compliance with specific National Registry requirements.

SHCGB CME requirements for Paramedics are as follows: A total of **48 hours** continuing education consisting of the following:

1.1 Complete a minimum of 4 hours of CME in each core content area covered below.

Core Content – 16 Hours (ACLS, PALS do not count for these hours)
- Airway, Breathing, and Cardiology
- Medical Emergencies
- Trauma
- Obstetrics and Pediatrics

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Elective Content – 32 Hours
- Any EMS-related content accepted, up to a maximum of 6 hours from any one area
- CCT or SCT program or refresher 8 hours maximum allowance.
- A maximum of 8 hours may be applied from taking each single standardized course, such as, PALS, ACLS, ITLS, PHTLS, AMLS, TCC, TCCC or PEPP. CPR is 4 hours.

A maximum of 16 hours may be accumulated from all combined teaching of ALS EMS curriculum, EVOC or Dispatch training. EMT teaching cannot be used for CME hours.

A maximum of 12 hours can be applied from SHCGB-approved journal articles, video tapes, or CME online content. Proper documentation is required.

A maximum of 10 hours may be applied from documented precepting of paramedic students. Precepting time is awarded on the basis of actual time spent precepting ALS patient care.

A maximum of 4 hours for hospital based clinical observation or simulation manikin time.

A maximum of 4 hours will be allowed for veterinarian care with EMS focus for the renewal period.

1.2 Complete any and all mandatory in-service educational sessions utilized to facilitate implementation of new protocols or equipment.   These sessions may or may not qualify for credit towards CME hours above.

2.0 Mandatory CME Requirements for paramedics

> - All Paramedics will be required to have current ITLS or PHTLS trauma certification at time of renewal.
> - All paramedics will be required to complete an SHCGB approved 12-Lead EKG refresher course of no less than 2 hours during each renewal cycle.

3. Skills Session for Paramedics

3.1 All paramedics must demonstrate competency in the following skills at a skills review workshop:

1. Adult and Pediatric oral intubation
2. Superglotic Airway Insertion
3. Needle cricothyrotomy / use of approved commercial cricothyrotomy device
4. Needle chest decompression
5. IO access/infusion
6. Cardiology and resuscitation management (rhythm recognition, defibrillation, cardioversion, pacing, medications and 12-Lead recognition)
7. Drug Calculation Review

3.2 Skills workshops can be obtained from Sponsor Hospital sessions, State Approved Refresher Courses, Service Level approved session or other medical control regions if approved by medical control prior.

3.3 Provide documentation of the following field skill from the period July 1, 2017 and September 30, 2019

Paramedics

Endotracheal Intubations: 3 successful from any service the provider works for with proper documentation.

> ❖ **Paramedics not meeting the minimum Intubation requirements will be required to complete a High-Fidelity Intubation Scenario to be scheduled with one of the EMS Coordinators.**