

# SPONSOR HOSPITAL COUNCIL of GREATER BRIDGEPORT



## **CME Requirements for Medical Control Renewal Period CME Requirements for October 1, 2023-September 30, 2025**

Continuing medical education is a crucial part of the professional development and continued competency of all healthcare 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 they attend. These documents will be required for processing the 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. Paramedics will not be allowed to work after the deadline if renewal packets are not submitted and approved by the end of the period. Paramedics are highly encouraged to submit renewal packets at least 4 days before the deadline to ensure reviewed and approved by the deadline. **There will be a 30-day suspension of any medical control not received and approved by September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1200 hours.**

### **Paramedics**

While SHCGB utilizes the framework established by the National Registry of EMTs as the baseline for its CME requirements, Paramedics wishing to maintain the National Registry are responsible for ensuring compliance with specific National Registry requirements. Providers must meet each of the three (3) sections below for renewal. **ALL EDUCATION MUST BE COMPLETED DURING THE CURRENT RENEWAL CYCLE**

### **Section (1) Select one track for CME Hours.**

#### **Track 1:**

Submit a current NREMT Paramedic Card in place of CME hours

#### **Track 2:**

Complete a total of 32 hours of continuing education consisting of the following:

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

**(ACLS, PALS, CPR do not count for any CME hours)**

#### **Core Content – 16 Hours**

- Airway, Breathing, and Cardiology
- Medical Emergencies
- Trauma
- Obstetrics and Pediatrics

## **Elective Content – 16 Hours**

Any EMS-related content accepted, up to a maximum of 6 hours from any one area

CCT or SCT program or refresher 16 hours maximum allowance.

A maximum of 8 hours may be applied from taking each single full standardized course, such as ITLS, PHTLS, AMLS, TCC, TCCC, or PEPP in accordance with core content requirements.

A maximum of 12 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 24 hours can be applied from SHCGB-approved CME online content that is CAPCE or NREMT-approved. Proper documentation is required.

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

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

A maximum of 10 hours of College level medical courses will be allowed—examples, A&P, RN, PA, and Respiratory programs.

Paramedics must complete all mandatory in-service educational sessions utilized to facilitate the implementation of new protocols, equipment, and immediate QA updates identified. These sessions may or may not qualify for credit toward CME hours listed above.

## **Section (2) Mandatory Requirements for Paramedics**

- 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. This course must be a separate stand-alone course; paramedic refresher courses will not meet this requirement.

## **Section (3) Skills Session for Paramedics**

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

- i. Adult and Pediatric oral intubation
- ii. Supraglottic Airway Insertion
- iii. Needle cricothyrotomy/use of approved commercial cricothyrotomy device
- iv. Needle chest decompression
- v. IO access/infusion
- vi. Splinting and Fracture treatment
- vii. Cardiology and resuscitation management (rhythm recognition, defibrillation, cardioversion, pacing, medications, and 12-Lead recognition)
- viii. Drug Calculation Review

**3.1** Skills workshops can be obtained from sponsored services sessions and state-approved refresher courses, or other medical control regions if approved by medical control prior.