


## EMS Information Bulletin 2018-11

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**SUBJECT:** State Recognized CPR Programs

**TO:** Regional EMS Directors, Regional EMS Education Coordinators, EMS Educational Institutes, EMS Agencies, EMS Providers

**FROM:** Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
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The attached document contains Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Programs that have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for use by EMS candidates and prehospital EMS practitioners for: admission to EMS education programs and examinations; initial certification; certification by endorsement; re-registration of certification; and renewal within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Approved programs consist of in-person classroom instruction, simulation learning, or any form of distributive education, such as video, DVD, CD-ROM, magazine, or on-line blended, learning modules. Each must include the following:

1. One (1) and Two (2) Person Infant, Child, and Adult CPR (including AED), and maneuvers to relieve choking/foreign body airway obstruction for all patient categories.
2. Final Written/Cognitive Examination.
3. Practical/Psychomotor hands-on skills evaluation/examination administered in-person by a current, appropriate-level certified CPR Instructor representing the approved program.

All approved programs must provide a course completion card and/or certificate, indicating the specific course title, to each individual candidate upon successful completion of the program. Instructors can submit Valid Instructor cards representing any of the specifically approved programs.

Vendors seeking recognition as an approved CPR program for EMS providers, and recognition for specific courses, must request a review on letterhead and submit a copy of the materials used within their program to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. **This request should be submitted any time the CPR Guidelines change and/or there is a change in product format or release of new educational materials. All materials must clearly indicate that they meet the 2015 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science with Treatment Recommendations.** Please forward any questions to your Regional EMS Council.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Basic Life Support Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Programs  
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<b>Recognized Programs Providing PA EMS Act Protection for All Valid Pennsylvania EMS Provider Certification Levels</b>
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons – Emergency Care & Safety Institute <i>Health-Care Provider CPR (Professional)</i>
American Heart Association – <i>BLS Provider</i>
American Heart Association – <i>BLS Healthcare Provider</i>
American Red Cross – <i>Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers</i>
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider</i>
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer</i>
American Red Cross – <i>CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider</i>
American Safety & Health Institute – <i>Basic Life Support – BLS for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers</i>
EMS Safety Services, Inc. – <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>
Geisinger CPR Program
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine and Trauma Program – <i>BLS for Healthcare Providers</i>
National Safety Council – <i>Basic Life Support for Health Care &amp; Professional Rescuers</i>
Pro CPR LLC – <i>Pro-CPR Healthcare Provider CPR</i>

(Valid Instructor cards representing any of the recognized programs above are acceptable)

List will be updated and distributed to Regional EMS Councils, as requests for recognition and submission of course program materials are received, reviewed, and approved.