

Website Director Column October 2015

Last month I mentioned that:

Another recertification reminder: Paramedics that are recertifying must pass the test with a score of 70 or better after 1/1/14. Paramedics not passing with a score of 70 or better after 1/1/14, must continue to take the test until that passing score of 70 is achieved.

The date needs to be corrected to 2/2013. Additional information came to light after the posting of the September Director Column and OEMS/TSN staff have been able to verify that the current test did initiate in 2/2013. My apologies for the confusion.

A question arose during the month of September that I would like to share with all of you. The question was related to licensing/permitting of ATV type vehicles for patient transport. There is currently no mechanism within the Legislative Rule to license/permit such vehicles for this purpose.

Currently, agencies are provided with monthly reports that includes information related to run data. These reports are generated by the Data Unit within OEMS and distributed to agency Official Representatives. A Medical Director specific report has been developed from this overall agency monthly report. These monthly reports will begin to be distributed to agency medical directors after the first of the year. This new report is a means to help agencies engage their medical directors in the operations and performance improvement.

Anyone with a certification expiration date of 12/31/15 should have their information submitted to OEMS for recertification. All vacancies within the Certification Unit have now been filled. Pamela, Johnna, Missy and Dan will be working diligently over the coming months to get packets for certification/recertification processed in a timely manner. If you have questions about the status of your packet, please remember the benchmark section within CIS where you can view what is complete/pending with your packet. You can always call the Certification Unit to provide information and/or answer questions as well.

2 new hospitals have received the Always Ready for Kids designation. Congratulations to Pleasant Valley Hospital and Roane General on this achievement!

Please keep an eye on the News/Alert section on the homepage of the wvoems.org website. There are a number of upcoming training opportunities. The ASSET conference is in November, there will be STABLE and pediatric symposiums offered beginning in January 2016. Also in this section are Health Alert Network notices posted as requested by the Office of Epidemiological and Prevention Services related to emerging infectious disease, things to be on the look-out for, etc. This section of the website will be changing slightly. There will be an official newsletter posted monthly. This Director Column will be included on my section of the website with tidbits, reminders, etc. that come up throughout the month.

I know communications via CIS have increased. There is a lot of information to share. Please keep your information updated in CIS to receive these important emails. We try to evaluate which notices to post on the website and which ones to also share via CIS. We do not want to needlessly clutter your email inboxes. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.