



CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

To define the requirements for approval of continuing education (CE) providers within the ICEMA region.

II. AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 11 EMS Continuing Education

III. DEFINITIONS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Continuing Education (CE) Provider: An individual or organization approved by the requirements of Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 11, to conduct continuing education courses, classes activities or experiences and to issue earned continuing education hours to EMS personnel for the purpose of maintaining certification/licensure or re-establishing lapsed certification or licensure.

Continuing Education: A course, class, activity or experience designed to be educational in nature, with learning objectives and performance evaluations for the purpose of providing EMS personnel with reinforcement of basic EMS training as well as knowledge to enhance individual and system proficiency in the practice of prehospital emergency medical care.

Clinical Director: A person currently licensed as a physician, registered nurse, physician assistant or paramedic. The clinical director shall have had two (2) years of academic, administrative or clinical experience in Emergency Medicine or EMS care within the last five (5) years. The clinical director shall be responsible for monitoring all clinical and field activities approved for CE credit, approving instructors and monitoring the overall quality of the EMS content of the program.

Program Director: A person qualified by education and experience in methods, materials and evaluation of instruction, which shall be documented by at least forty (40) hours in teaching methodology. The program director will administer the CE program, ensure adherence to all state regulations, local policies, approve course content and assign course hours to any sponsored CE program per State regulations and ICEMA policy.

Instructor: A person approved by the program director and clinical director as qualified to teach the topics assigned or have evidence of specialized training which may include, but is not limited to, a certificate of training or an advanced degree in a given subject area, or have at least one (1) year of experience within the last two (2) years in the specialized area in which they are teaching or be knowledgeable, skillful and current in the subject matter of the course, class or activity.

IV. PROCEDURE

1. To become an approved CE provider, an organization or individual shall submit an application packet at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the first educational activity. The application packet shall include:
 - a. Name and address of the applicant;
 - b. Name of the program director, program clinical director, and contact person, if other than the program director or clinical director;
 - c. Type of organization requesting approval;
 - d. Program director and clinical director resumes including copies of all licenses/certifications; and,
 - e. Established ICEMA fee. ICEMA fees are published on the ICEMA website at <http://ICEMA.net>.
2. The applicant will be notified in writing within fourteen (14) working days that their request was received and informed if any information is missing.
3. Notice of approval or disapproval of the application will be made in writing to the applicant within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the completed application.
4. If the application is approved, an EMS CE provider number will be issued and valid for four (4) years.
5. If an application is disapproved and the organization or individual elects to submit a new application, the application packet must include all items listed in "1" above.

V. MAINTAINING RECORDS

1. All records will be maintained by the CE provider for four (4) years, and shall include:

- a. Complete outlines for each course given including a brief overview, instructional objectives, comprehensive topical outline, method of evaluation and a record of participant performance.
 - b. Record of time, place, date and CE hours granted for each course.
 - c. A resume and copies of licenses/certifications for all instructors.
2. An ICEMA approved CE roster:
- a. Signed by course participants to include name and license/certification/accreditation number of each participant. Signing for another individual is strictly prohibited and subject to actions against certification or licensure.
 - b. A line should be drawn through any empty lines after the last attendee has signed the roster.
 - c. Copies of class rosters shall be sent to ICEMA within fifteen (15) days of class completion. These rosters shall be considered final and revisions will not be accepted.
 - d. A record of all CE certificates issued.
3. CE providers will notify ICEMA within thirty (30) calendar days of any changes in name, address, and telephone number of the program director, clinical director or contact person.
4. All records shall be made available to ICEMA upon request.
5. The Clinical Director shall submit a complete list of courses with the number of individuals attending each course on a monthly basis to ICEMA on the ICEMA approved form. The form shall be submitted to ICEMA by the 10th of every month for the previous month. If no classes were taught, submit form with “No Classes This Month”
6. It is the responsibility of the CE provider to submit an application for renewal with the established ICEMA fee at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration date in order to maintain continuous approval.
7. All CE provider requirements required by State legislation must be met and maintained.

IV. POLICY

1. When two (2) or more CE providers cosponsor a course, only one (1) approved provider number may be used for that course, class or activity. The CE provider assumes the responsibility for all applicable provisions of Chapter 11 EMS Continuing Education.
2. The State EMS Authority shall be the agency responsible for approving CE providers for statewide public safety agencies and CE providers whose headquarters are located out-of-state if not approved by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) or approved by the EMS offices of other states or courses in physical, social or behavioral sciences offered by accredited colleges and universities.
3. An approved CE provider may sponsor an organization or individual located within California that wishes to provide a single activity or course. The CE provider shall be responsible for ensuring the course meets all requirements and shall serve as the CE provider of record. The CE provider shall review the request to ensure that the course/activity complies with the minimum requirements.