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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 2015 **AUTHORIZATION:** M. Kass, Director

TITLE: Massachusetts Paramedic certification procedure based upon Massachusetts MD or DO, PA or RN licensure or registration

SUPERSEDES: 6/10/2013

I. Purpose:

To define the requirements and procedures for an applicant who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), or registered nurse (including nurse practitioner) (RN) to obtain Massachusetts certification as a Paramedic.

II. Requirements:

A. Submit to OEMS the following:

1. An application for Massachusetts certification as a Paramedic based on Massachusetts licensure/registration as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner.
2. The required Massachusetts certification fee of \$150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
3. A copy of current Massachusetts license or registration as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner. This license or registration must be current and in good standing with the applicant's respective licensing board at the time of application and remain current and in good standing throughout the process of obtaining certification as a Massachusetts Paramedic.
4. The applicant must hold current Massachusetts EMT-Basic certification. This certification must also be current and in good standing with OEMS at the time of application and remain current and in good standing throughout the process of obtaining certification as a Massachusetts Paramedic.
5. Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (**BCLS**) course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR)'s International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).
6. Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (**ACLS**) course provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current CPR and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the ILCOR's CoSTR.
7. Documentation of successful completion of field internship, completed by a Department accredited training institution:
 The applicant must affiliate with a Massachusetts Paramedic-level accredited training institution and must complete a field internship of a minimum of eighty (80) hours on an ambulance operating at the paramedic level of service, for an ambulance service licensed at the paramedic level of service. The applicant must be precepted by a Massachusetts certified Paramedic. The candidate must meet the field internship requirements outlined in A/R 2-305 Minimum Skill Requirements for Paramedic Training.
8. Upon completion of Department's review and determination that candidate's reciprocity application is complete and acceptable, the Department will send the candidate a copy of its letter of support to the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT).

B. Obtain NREMT Paramedic certification: Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the Paramedic level, at www.nremt.org.