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TO: All MA Accredited Training Institutions  
CC: All MA Ambulance Services; EMCAB Members  
FROM: Susan Lewis, NRP, Director  
DATE: June 27, 2024  
RE: Advanced EMT and Paramedic Examination for EMT Certification

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The purpose of this Advisory is to announce that effective July 1, 2024 and consistent with updated National Registry of EMTs' (NREMT) standards, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) adopts the NREMT "ALS Certification Examination" to be both the "Department-approved psychomotor examination, meeting the requirements of the NREMT;" and "the NREMT cognitive computer-based examination" which candidates for Advanced EMT and Paramedic certification must successfully complete, in accordance with 105 CMR 170.910(A)(4) of the EMS System regulations. Once they complete this single examination, all ALS candidates (including those seeking initial certification who have not completed the testing process, as well as re-entry and challenge) must obtain NREMT certification to be eligible for certification by the Department. As of July 1, 2024, there will be no separate ALS psychomotor exam.

The NREMT ALS Certification Examination is a computer-based examination, but rather than simply having multiple-choice questions, it will include technology-enhanced question types. These include images and videos, build lists, drag-and-drop, and option/check box questions. The NREMT's goal for the ALS Certification Exam is to ask of candidates more critical thinking questions, embedded into scenarios, which can be used to measure leadership qualities, communication, recognizing and analyzing clues, defining hypotheses, generating solutions and acting on them, and evaluating impact. Additional information about the NREMT ALS Certification Examination may be found at <https://nremt.org/Document/Get-Ready-For-The-New-Examinations>.

Questions about eligibility for the NREMT ALS Certification Examination may be directed to [support@nremt.org](mailto:support@nremt.org).

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