

<b>REGIONS HOSPITAL EMS</b>	
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**Purpose:**

To establish guidelines for continuing education sessions.

**Policy:**

**ALS**

Paramedics under Regions EMS medical direction are required to attend the following training for recertification purposes:

**24 hours** CME every two-year recertification cycle

**20 hours** Critical Case Reviews every two-year recertification cycle (this is a minimum of five sessions per year)

**4 hours** Critical Thinking Lab every two-year recertification cycle

**6-8 hours** ACLS Refresher every two-year recertification cycle\*

**2 hours** CPR Refresher every two-year recertification cycle\*\*

\*may be taken at any location

\*\*usually offered by service; but may be incorporated into CME session with advanced notice / request to Regions EMS Education Division

**56-58 hours TOTAL**

Regions EMS Education Division will provide a report on the above education attended by providers at the end of each two-year recertification cycle. The medical director, Dr. R.J. Frascione will sign off on National Registry recertification paperwork as long as the provider has demonstrated sufficient attendance at the above listed educational sessions. In particular, Paramedics must attend the minimum required Critical Case Reviews and Critical Thinking Lab in order to remain in good standing with the medical director.

National Registry paperwork must be submitted to your service's medical direction Coordinator by March 1 of the recertification year. Applications submitted after that time may not receive the required signature by March 31.

**BLS**

BLS providers under Regions EMS medical direction or education agreement are offered a 24 hour refresher delivered in a quarterly format over a two-year recertification period. This unique offering has been approved by the EMSRB, and thus, requires the EMT to attend the entire 24 hours of CME offered by Regions EMS.

Regions EMS offers 3 hours of CME every quarter over the course of two years. This training will fulfill the EMT Basic refresher requirements for the state of Minnesota. Therefore, providers are required to attend a 3 hour CME session offered each quarter. At the end of the two recertification cycle, Regions EMS will complete and sign off on application paperwork necessary for EMT-Basic recertification. Regions EMS will also submit this paperwork to the EMSRB on behalf of the service.

Regions EMS Education Division will provide a report on quarterly CME attendance each quarter as well as a summary at the end of each two year recertification cycle. Regions EMS will not authorize the application for an EMT-Basic that has not attended the required CME each quarter.

For those providers that have not completed the required CME each quarter, he/she may need to attend a standard 24-hour refresher course. Regions EMS will offer a standard 24-hour refresher course at cost.