

REGIONS HOSPITAL EMS	
POLICY/PROCEDURE: BLS Continuing Medical Education Policy	Page 1 of 1
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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for EMT- Basic Refresher completion for EMT-B under the medical direction of Regions EMS.

Policy:

BLS providers practicing under a 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 for the state of Minnesota. 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. It is the responsibility of the service to institute a policy addressing who is responsible for covering the cost of this refresher (the individual vs. the EMS agency).