





**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
POLICY # OEMS-PRO-2023-001  
CAPNOGRAPHY FOR AEMT  
EDUCATION POLICY**

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**1.0 PURPOSE**

The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for Capnography education for AEMT personnel. This education is mandatory pursuant to OCGA 31-11-5 for all Advanced EMTs licensed by the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma

**2.0 AUTHORITY**

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma (“Department”), Capnography for AEMTs Education Policy is published under the authority of the Department and in compliance with the following:

- 2.1 Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 31-11-1 et seq.
- 2.2 EMS Rules and Regulations Chapter 511-9-2:
  - 2.2.1 Rule 511-9-2-.12,
  - 2.2.2 Rule 511-9-2-.13,
  - 2.2.3 Rule 511-9-2-.16, and
  - 2.2.4 Rule 511-9-2-.18.

**3.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 Continuing Education - means any education required under EMS Rules 511-9-2-.13.
- 3.2 Department – means the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma.
- 3.3 EMS – means Emergency Medical Services.
- 3.4 EMS Rules – means the Department’s Rules and Regulations, Chapter 511-9-2.
- 3.5 EMS Personnel – means any Emergency Medical Technician Responder (EMT-R), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT),

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Cardiac Technician (CT), or Paramedic (P) currently licensed by the Department.

- 3.6 Initial EMS Education – means any EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic courses approved by the Department.
- 3.7 Program Director – the person at an Initial Education Program that is responsible for all aspects of the program, including, but not limited to: the administration, organization, and supervision of the educational program, the continuous quality review and improvement of the educational program, long range planning and ongoing development of the program, as well as the effectiveness of the program.
- 3.8 Course Coordinator – the person at an Initial Education Program that is responsible for the coordination of an EMS Initial Education Course approved by the Department.
- 3.9 Capnography for AEMT Training – means education provided by the Georgia Office of EMS & Trauma and Initial EMS Education Programs that provides medics with education related to the use of Capnography.

#### 4.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Advanced EMTs licensed by the Department and all EMS Initial Education AEMT courses approved by the Department.

#### 5.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that all Advanced EMTs licensed by the Department must successfully complete the Georgia OEMST Capnography for Advanced EMTs, **“An Explanation of EtCO2 Monitoring and Clinical Application”** course on TRAIN Georgia, or complete Capnography education during their Initial AEMT Education Program.

##### 5.1 EMS Personnel.

- 5.1.1 Georgia Licensed Advanced EMTs whose license expires in the year 2024, must complete this training on or before March 31, 2024
- 5.1.2 Georgia Licensed Advanced EMTs whose license expires in the year 2025, must complete this training on or before March 31, 2025.
- 5.1.3 Once completed, this training is not required to be completed for any future license renewal cycles.

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## 5.2 EMS Initial Education Programs.

**5.2.1** All initial AEMT education courses beginning on or after June 1, 2023, will be required to include the Georgia OEMST Capnography for Advanced EMTs education on TRAIN Georgia or include Capnography in the curriculum as part of the initial AEMT education curriculum.

## 6.0 PROCEDURE

There are two pathways for AEMT Personnel to complete this required education. The course is available on TRAIN Georgia. The course must be completed and the associated test must be successfully passed. Or Capnography education must be included in an Advanced EMT Initial Education Course.

**6.1** The web-based course is available on the Department's Learning Management System, TRAIN Georgia at <https://www.train.org/georgia/home>.

**6.2** Education included in the Advanced EMT Initial Education Course curriculum.

## 7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

**7.1** EMS Personnel shall be required to successfully complete the Georgia OEMST Capnography for Advanced EMTs education on TRAIN Georgia on or before the date specified in section 5 of this policy.

**7.1.1** EMS Personnel shall maintain verification of successful course completion of the Georgia OEMST Capnography for Advanced EMTs education in the event of an audit pursuant to EMS Rule 511-9-2-.13.

**7.2** Program Directors and Course Coordinators overseeing Department approved AEMT Initial Education programs that begin on or after June 1, 2023, shall verify that each student in their program has successfully completed the Georgia OEMST Capnography for Advanced EMTs education on TRAIN Georgia or it must be included in an Advanced EMT Initial Education Course as part of successful course completion.

## 8.0 REVISION HISTORY

Revision #	Revision Date	Revision Comments
0	5/25/2023	Initial issue