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SUBJECT: Clinical Preceptors for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic Students in a Pre-Hospital Clinical Setting

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to define the proper actions to be taken for the approval of personnel as Clinical Preceptors that supervise EMT or Paramedic students while the students are engaged in clinical rotations.

II. General Provisions:

- A. The State Office of EMS and Trauma (OEMS) does not certify, nor license personnel who complete this training.
- B. Clinical Preceptors must be approved by the Course Coordinator and the Course Medical Director.
- C. Successful completion of a Clinical Preceptor Course does not exempt the candidate from additional orientation requirements for the specific course he/she intends to precept.
- D. The Course Coordinator of the approved Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Course is responsible for assuring that all requirements of the Clinical Preceptor Program are met as outlined in Form T-02A (Clinical Preceptor Training Course Guidelines).
- E. The Course Coordinator of the approved EMS Course will assure that there is appropriate, objective evaluation of student progress in acquiring the desired competencies and that the Clinical Preceptor meets all requirements set forth in this procedure.
- F. Individuals currently licensed as EMS Instructors (Levels I, II, or III), may be approved as Clinical Preceptors with written approval of the Course Coordinator and Course Medical Director.
- G. Individuals serving as Clinical Preceptors for students in approved EMS programs that do not meet all of the prerequisites must be approved by the EMS Program Course Coordinator and EMS Program Medical Director and submitted in writing to the Regional EMS Program Director for approval by the department. A complete listing of the Regional EMS Offices is located in the EMS Procedure Manual, Section VIII: Resource Documents, R-01: Regional EMS Offices.
- H. Paramedic Clinical Preceptors can precept EMT-B, EMT-I, and EMT-P students.
- I. EMT-I Clinical Preceptors can precept EMT-B and EMT-I students.

III. Prerequisites:

A. Paramedic Clinical Preceptors:

1. Current licensure as a Paramedic with a minimum of two (2) years advanced life support experience;
2. Written approval of the Course Coordinator and the Course Medical Director of the EMS Course; and,
3. Successful completion of an approved preceptor course.

B. EMT-I Clinical Preceptors:

1. Current licensure as an EMT-I, Cardiac Technician or Paramedic with a minimum of two (2) years experience;
2. Written approval of the Course Coordinator and the Course Medical Director of the EMS Course; and
3. Successful completion of an approved preceptor course.

C. EMT-B Clinical Preceptors:

1. Current licensure as an EMT-B, EMT-I, Cardiac Technician or Paramedic with a minimum of two (2) years experience;
2. Written approval of the Course Coordinator and the Course Medical Director of the EMS Course; and,
3. Successful completion of an approved preceptor course.

IV. Course Requirements:

- A. All Clinical Preceptor Training must be taught by the EMS Course Coordinator or EMS Program Clinical Coordinator, licensed as an EMS Instructor.
- B. All Clinical Preceptor Training Courses must follow the approved guidelines as outlined in Form T-02A.
- C. All Clinical Preceptors successfully completing training courses should receive a copy of the appropriately signed Form T-02B (Clinical Preceptor Training Record).
- D. Clinical Preceptor training courses may be taught in either a standard classroom setting or in a distributed education format, as long as all guidelines for training are met. Course Coordinators seeking continuing education credit approval for a training course must apply to the Regional EMS Office in the Region where the program is being taught, as described in PRO-T-05 (Course Approval – Continuing Education).

V. Maintenance of Preceptor Status:

- A. In order to maintain Clinical Preceptor status, the preceptor must maintain active EMT-I, Cardiac Technician, or Paramedic licensure.
- B. Clinical Preceptors must complete an orientation conducted by the EMT or Paramedic Course Coordinator for each EMS Program he/she intends to precept.

VI. References:

O.C.G.A. § 31-11

Rules and Regulations for Emergency Medical Services Chapter 290-5-30-.16

Rules and Regulations for Emergency Medical Services Chapter 290-5-30-.17

VII. Related Documents:

R-01: Regional EMS Offices
T-02-A Clinical Preceptor Training Course Guidelines
T-02-B Clinical Preceptor Training Record

VIII. History:

08/08/1989: Implemented DPJ
07/01/1994: Revised RKW
03/15/2000: Revised WCF
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