



# Policy Statement

Supersedes/Updates:  
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## EMT Course Clinical Rotation Requirements

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy statement is to revise the clinical requirement for EMT original students. Due to the ongoing difficulties of gaining access to hospital emergency departments and some EMS agencies the Bureau is revising the guidelines for the clinical experience to allow more diversity and educational opportunity. While we believe that scenarios and simulations are valuable teaching tools, they do not replace the experience of interacting with live patients experiencing acute disease or injury. To this end, the Bureau in collaboration with experienced EMS instructors from diverse regions of the State developed the following guidelines.

### II. Emergency Medical Technical Course Clinical Requirements

To meet the requirements of an original EMT Course, students will be required to complete and document ten direct (10) patient contacts.

- A. Direct patient contact is defined as a patient who is being evaluated for an acute medical emergency or injury.
- B. Objectives for patient contacts
  - 1. Student must be able to directly interact with the patient.
  - 2. Student must be able to complete patient assessment, history taking and vitals signs. Student must be able to communicate and document each patient contact and report on interventions performed or observed and must be able to follow the patient through disposition.
  - 3. Students must be evaluated and approved by the CIC of record as to skills competency before being approved to begin clinical rotations.

### III. Clinical Sites

There are several opportunities for students to obtain the patient contact requirement.

Examples of these are Hospital Emergency Departments, EMS agencies, Urgent Care Centers, Medical Offices, Health Clinics, and Mass Gathering Events.

- A. Approval of Clinical Sites.
  - 1. Sponsors must have affiliation agreements with Hospitals, EMS agencies, Urgent Care Centers, Medical Offices and/or Health Clinics.

2. For Mass Gathering events and other alternate sites, the Sponsor must approve these locations and have direct contact and written approval of the organizer of the EMS response for the event.
3. Students who do not seek approval for an alternate site may not use any patient contacts at that site to meet the clinical requirement.
4. Student must have an assigned preceptor at the event who must be at least a certified EMT or higher level of care with at least one year experience in direct patient care and who will sign off on the patient contacts that occurred.

**IV. Documentation**

1. All patient contacts must be submitted in an approved format documenting the patient assessment, vitals signs, history, findings and interventions performed or observed. Final disposition of the patient must be documented. These documents must be submitted and approved by the Course Sponsor by the date listed on the course schedule. Course Sponsors will retain these documents for a period of five years.
2. Course Sponsors wishing to develop their own version of the documentation form must submit the form to the Bureau for approval prior to use.

**V. Effective Date**

1. All courses beginning on or after November 1, 2021 must meet this requirement. Any courses currently being conducted may use this process as an alternative to the ten (10) hour clinical requirement.