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Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

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**Re: Required CPR
Testing**

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Required CPR testing for all CFR and EMT/AEMT original and refresher courses.

The new guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) were published in the *American Heart Association Guidelines 2000 for CPR and ECC Supplement to Circulation Volume 102 Number 8 August 22, 2000*. The State EMS Council has voted to adopt these new standards for all NYS EMS Courses.

At the September 8, 1993 meeting of the State EMS Council, the Council passed a motion to rescind their September 6, 1990 policy (Policy Statement 91-01) which allowed course sponsors to waive CPR testing for students with AHA/ARC CPR certification which is less than one year old at the time of the State final practical skills examination.

Please Note: For all courses starting on or after January 1, 1994, the sponsor must conduct, and the student must successfully pass, CPR testing prior to admission to the State final practical skills examination.

In order to be admitted to the State final practical skills examination all CFR, EMT and/or Advanced EMT students must pass CPR testing based on the criteria published in the American Heart Association's "*Guidelines 2000 for CPR and ECC Supplement to Circulation Volume 102 Number 8 August 22, 2000*." Testing must include adult and infant obstructed airway procedures, adult 1 and 2 rescuer CPR, child and infant CPR, and be made part of the student record.

The sponsor may use CPR educational material from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, National Safety Council or other equivalent educational material which meets the AHA Guidelines 2000.

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