



DATE: January 21, 2022
TO: Region 11 EMTs and Paramedics
FROM: REGION 11 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONSORTIUM
SUBJECT: **REGION 11 EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) UPDATE – CORE CONTENT CATEGORY HOURS**

Please review the following updates and reminders regarding the EMS Continuing Education (CE) – Core Content Category Hours for all EMTs and Paramedics in Region 11:

- Recently, 20 new Vector Solutions sponsored courses were added to the EMT and Paramedic credentials.
- There are currently over 150 total Vector Solutions sponsored courses available for both the EMT and Paramedic level.
- All current Vector Solutions sponsored courses were reviewed for duplicate listing status and assigned to a core content category.
- Courses with a duplicate listing (listed under two categories) were consolidated to the single most appropriate category based on content review.
- In reviewing the detailed course information, some courses were "shifted" to a more appropriate core content category.
- For this reason, users may see a "shift" in their hours from one category to another, but there is no loss of CE hours.
- To view your total CE hours, always look at the "Completed" column under your credential.
- As a reminder, each CE course can only be completed once during a 4-year relicensure period.
- Prior to your individual licensure renewal, all CE hours are reviewed by your Resource Hospital for category distribution and duplicate hours.
- Current [Region 11 EMS Policy](#) requires no more than 20% of CE hours in each core content category and the hours listed for each category are recommended at this time.
- Completion of all core content categories is a total of 100 hours and for EMT and Paramedic relicensure in Region 11, a total of 120 CE hours is required which includes 20 additional hours in the elective category.
- After January 1, 2023, all license renewals will need to have completed the CE hour requirements for each core content category.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with questions.

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