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DATE: March 17, 2023
TO: Region 11 Licensed EMS Personnel
FROM: **REGION 11 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONSORTIUM**
SUBJECT: **REQUIRED DEMENTIA CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR IDPH EMS LICENSE RENEWALS**

Following a legislative update, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently notified EMS Systems of the following:

For license renewals occurring on or after January 1, 2023, Emergency Medical Services personnel must complete at least one one-hour course of training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias per license renewal period. This training shall include, but not be limited to, assessment and diagnosis, effective communication strategies, and management and care planning.

This new requirement applies to all EMS personnel licenses under IDPH including EMD, EMR, EMT, Paramedic, Lead Instructor, PHRN, and ECRN. The following courses fulfill this requirement:

1. EMS Dementia: Overview, Assessment, and Care (EMTs) in Vector Solutions
2. EMS Dementia: Advanced (Paramedics) in Vector Solutions
3. Other IDPH approved courses

Additional Continuing Education courses on dementia require review and approval by the Resource Hospital.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with questions.

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