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DATE: October 11, 2023

TO: Region 11 EMS Providers
Region 11 EMS Base Stations

FROM: **REGION 11 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONSORTIUM**

SUBJECT: **“SYSTEMS OF CARE AND MEDICAL UPDATE 2023” MANDATORY EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)**

There will be a “Systems of Care and Medical Update 2023” mandatory EMS Continuing Education (CE) assignment for all EMTs, Paramedics, ECRNs, and ECPs in the Region 11 Chicago EMS Systems that will begin October 15, 2023 and must be completed by November 21, 2023 at 1200 hours. This will be a three (3) hour CE assignment.

For EMTs and Paramedics, this education is available on the **Vector Solutions – EMS Medical Directors Consortium** site and you should receive notice of the assignment through the email linked to your account. It is important to read all the documents and view the complete videos prior to attempting the test. Users who do not achieve a 75% score after three attempts will not receive credit for the assignment and must contact their Resource Hospital for review. On successful completion, users will earn a certificate with three (3) hours of Continuing Education in the “Medical” Core Content Category.

For EMTs and Paramedics who fail to complete the mandatory Continuing Education (CE) prior to the date and time deadline as stated above, that EMS provider will receive written notification from the EMS System Coordinator via the email associated with their Vector Solutions – EMS Medical Directors Consortium site. This email serves as an official notification of the failure to comply with deadline requirements and includes the intent to suspend from EMS System Participation. The EMS provider employer agency will be copied on the email notification.

Failure to complete the mandatory assignment by the deadline (November 21 at 1200 hours), will result in a required administrative fee of \$100/CE credit hour. After the deadline of the mandatory assignment, there is a 15-day grace period to complete the CE requirements and arrange payment of the administrative fee with the EMS provider’s assigned EMS System Coordinator (per the profile in Vector Solutions). Failure to complete requirements of the mandatory CE and administrative fee payment before the end of the 15-day grace period, will result in suspension of EMS System Participation in Region 11. This grace period serves as an opportunity for the EMS provider to have due process prior to suspension of EMS System Participation in Region 11. The administrative fee for this mandatory Continuing Education assignment is \$300 and the suspension date is December 6, 2023 at 0800 hours.

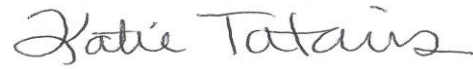
For all ECRNs and ECPs, the education will be provided through your EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director and three hours of ECRN CE will be provided.

The implementation date for the new Region 11 Protocols, Policies and Procedures from the “Systems of Care and Medical Update 2023” Continuing Education assignment is December 6, 2023.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with questions.



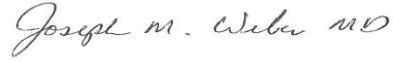
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