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TO: Region 11 EMS Agency Leadership  
Region 11 EMTs and Paramedics

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

SUBJECT: **Pediatric Skills Requirement for EMS License Renewal**

To align with IDPH requirements, for EMT and Paramedic license renewal on or after July 1, 2026, EMS personnel must participate in a Pediatric Core Content course with a psychomotor component at minimum once per license period as defined in the [EMS Personnel License Requirements and Renewals Policy](#) from the Policy Update 2025.

As defined in the joint policy statement “[Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems](#)” (2020), **pediatric readiness** encompasses the presence of equipment and medications, usage of guidelines and policies, availability of education and training, incorporation of performance-improvement practices, and integration of EMS physician medical oversight to equip EMS systems to deliver optimal care to children.

Recommendations include “**Develop processes for delivering comprehensive, ongoing, pediatric-specific education and evaluating pediatric-specific psychomotor and cognitive competencies of EMS providers**”.

Courses that meet the “Pediatric Skills” requirement include the following:

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Advanced Pediatric Life Support (APLS)
- Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP)
- Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization (PEARS)
- Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)
- Other EMS System approved “Pediatric Skills” course with a psychomotor component

These pediatric skills based courses are listed in the [EMS Continuing Education Relicensure Requirements Policy](#). Certificates of completed courses should be uploaded to the EMS personnel’s Region 11 Vector Solutions profile.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with questions.

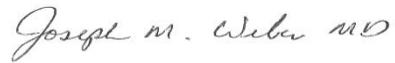
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