

SILVER CROSS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

TITLE: **PREHOSPITAL R.N. (PHRN)**

POLICY: IDPH CODE 515.730

The System will recognize as a Prehospital R.N. (PHRN), any registered nurse who meets all requirements set forth in this policy. A PHRN may function in the prehospital setting as an ALS provider only in accordance with the System Policies and approved Standing Medical Orders as they apply to all other Advanced Life Support personnel.

- I. **INITIAL LICENSURE:** Any registered nurse wishing to function within the System as a PHRN must successfully meet the following requirements:
- A. **For Illinois licensed RN's with no prehospital certification,** the following will be required:
 - 1. Successful completion of an IDPH approved PHRN course
 - 2. A current Illinois registered nurse license
 - 3. A current BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card
 - 4. A current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) card
 - 5. A current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) card
 - 6. A current Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) card or certificate.
 - 7. Completion of all applicable requirements for System entrance (see Policy #200-3).
 - 8. Completion of 120 hours of clinical ride time with a System approved ALS preceptor. A minimum of 10 ALS runs must be approved during this time.
 - 9. Current affiliation with a System approved ALS provider agency.

 - B. **A licensed PHRN from another EMS system:** who wishes to function in the Silver Cross EMS System must successfully meet the requirements of system entrance as stated in policy 200-03 "System Entry Requirements-EMT-P, EMT-I, and PHRN".

 - C. Approval as a PHRN will be granted for a period of 4 years. The PHRN will need to pay a \$30 initial license fee on line to IDPH at www.idph.state.il.us/ems once all requirements are met. The System will complete the appropriate licensure forms and submit to IDPH.

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- II. **RELICENSURE** - It is the responsibility of the individual PHRN and/or their System Provider Agency to ensure efficient and effective monitoring of CE hours during this 4-year relicensure period (with the System checking accrued hours every 2 years).
- A. The EMS Medical Director will process the PHRN's renewal with the IDPH upon documentation of the following:
1. A total of 100 hours of Continuing Education, seminars and workshops, addressing both adult and pediatric care, is required for the 4-year relicensure period. No more than 25 percent in the same subject.
 - a. Refer to the "Standards for PHRN Continuing Education" in this policy for a breakdown of acceptable CE.
 - b. Proof of CE hours shall be submitted in a System approved format as designated in Policy 200-8.
 - c. IDPH allows the use of the following internet CE sites only for independent hours: EmCert.com, Eminent.com, ems-ce.com, MedicEd.com www.CECBEMS.org
 2. A current CPR completion card that covers adult and pediatric one-rescuer CPR, adult and pediatric foreign body airway obstruction management, and adult two-rescuer CPR.
 3. Affiliation with a State-approved ALS System Provider Agency validating that the PHRN is currently functioning within the System and State guidelines. Appearance on a System Agency Roster with valid System number is sufficient.
 4. Successful completion of any mandatory System CE as required by the EMS Medical Director (i.e.: performance or QA needs-based CE, introduction of new skills or procedures based CE, etc).
 5. A completed Child Support and Felony Conviction Statement must be made on-line at www.idph.state.il.us/ems using the PIN provided by IDPH or last 4 of your SS#.
 6. Renewal fee of \$20 paid to IDPH on-line via credit/debit card along with 5 above.
- B. All relicensure requirements shall be submitted at the same time. Always KEEP IDENTICAL COPIES OF EVERYTHING FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.

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- C. If the EMS System Medical Director has appropriate evidence that the PHRN's skill performance has not been adequately demonstrated, then the PHRN will be required to complete a written and/or skills examination.
1. A minimum of 80% is required for successful completion on the written examination. A successful skills demonstration would require that the performer commit no critical errors and commit no mistakes in the application or performance of invasive ALS procedures.
 2. A failed examination may be re-taken within fourteen days of the original test date. If the second attempt on either exam is failed, the EMS Medical Director will conduct a review to determine the PHRN's status. Further reviews beyond this point must follow the procedure regarding conflict resolution.
- D. A PHRN who fails to meet all requirements will not be recommended for relicensure unless the PHRN submits a written request for an extension to the EMS Medical Director, who files by form to the IDPH for a final ruling. If the request is granted, the PHRN will have until the end of the extension period to meet all requirements for relicensure. The request must be made in writing with appropriate documentation supporting the need for an extension. All such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- E. Any PHRN, whose license has expired, within 60 days after license expiration, may submit all relicensure material as required in this Part and a fee of \$50.00, made payable to Illinois Department of Public Health, in the form of a certified check or money order. If all material is in order and there is no disciplinary action pending against the EMT, the System will submit a transaction card to the IDPH.
- F. Any PHRN whose license has expired for a period of more than 60 days shall be required to reapply for licensure and successfully complete the required training programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04-30-92
REVISED DATE: 07-20-16
REVIEWED DATE:

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STANDARDS FOR PHRN CONTINUING EDUCATION

I. RELICENSURE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY:

1. 100 Hours of CE (The 100 required hours may include hours from the list below)
2. Current CPR Certification
3. IDPH on-line: Child support and felony conviction statement plus \$20 renewal fee

Submit to System: Items 1 & 2 / Submit to IDPH ONLINE item 3 to complete relicensure.

ALL MANDATORY SYSTEM CME MUST BE CURRENT FOR SYSTEM TO RENEW LICENSE.

II. STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Continuing education classes, seminars, clinical time, workshops or other types of programs shall have an assigned IDPH approved site code to be submitted as acceptable CE hours. This includes CE hours obtained by attending Fire Department or Agency Training. Refer to www.silvercrosssems.com or policy 200-16 “Continuing Education Acceptance & Validation Standards” on IDPH site codes.

<u>Continuing Education Recommendations</u>	(Documentation) & [Hours]	*Over 4 Years*
1. SCEMSS Trimester CME: (10 hours per completed trimester)	100 hours	
2. SCEMSS Moodle CME Monthly PowerPoint and Quiz (2 - 2.5 hours/month).....	100 hours	
3. Audit EMT-P Class (Instructor signature required).....	UNLIMITED	
4. Agency EMS Training including Hazmat (IDPH approved w/site codes listed)	100 hours	
5. Initial: ACLS, PALS, ITLS, CPR Instructor etc. (Card + Course Schedule) hr/hr.....	16 hours (max)	
6. Renewal: ACLS, PALS, ITLS, CPR Instructor etc. (Card + Course Schedule) hr/hr	8 hours (max)	
7. ATLS, Wilderness EMS, TEMS, Critical Care Paramedic (Cert) EMS Hrs only	hour for hour	
8. Emergency Vehicle Operators course/EMD course (Cert + Course Schedule)	12 hours (max)	
9. Clinical Preceptor/Evaluator (signed CE Sheet) hour for hour.....	25 hours (max)	
10. Emergency Preparedness event/exercise/training (signed CE Sheet) hr/hr	12 hours (max)	
11. Health Related College Courses [1 college credit hour = 8 CE hours].....	UNLIMITED	
12. EMS related Conferences and/or Seminars (Certificate).....	hour for hour	
13. Online: EmCert.com, Eminent.com, ems-ce.com, MedicEd.com, cecbems.org (Certificate).....	25 hours (max)	
May include: Webinars and online offerings with subject matter found in the EMS Education Standards [eg sponsored by a governmental agency (infectious diseases, emergency preparedness) legal experts (documentation HIPAA) organizations or commercial offerings]		
14. Commercial CE: EMS Video and Magazine CE (Certificate)	25 hours (max)	
15. Participation/Observation: Surgery, Phys Therapy, Lamaze, Childbirth, Autopsy	5 hours (max)	
(Written & Signed statement from Charge Nurse or Physician regarding attendance)		
16. IDPH Approved Locally Offered CE (Certificate or CE sheet w/hrs +site codes listed)	hour for hour	
17. ECRN Course apart from ACLS,PALS, etc courses (Certificate).....	hour for hour	
18. TNS or TNCC (Certificate).....	hour for hour	

Certificates must include provider’s name, CE topic, hours awarded, site code or CECBEMS, etc. Repetition of a specific class session within a twelve-month period will not be accepted for credit. Drug box inventory and ambulance inventory do not qualify for CE hours or credit.

Independent PHRNs are limited to 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 for CE and must submit Items 1 & 2 to the IDPH Regional Coordinator NOT A SYSTEM.