

Wyoming Office of Emergency Medical Services

Transition Course Information and Guidelines

Background

As most of you are likely aware, there have been significant changes in the works nationally for EMS training and certification requirements for many years now. Not surprisingly, there are several factors in Wyoming's EMS education that must be managed with this transition:

1. The former National Standard Curriculum (NSC), under which most of our EMS providers were trained, does not match current accepted clinical guidelines and is no longer available. The NSC has not been revised for quite some time and there are no plans to revise it.
2. All of the currently available educational materials (textbooks, presentations, instructor support materials, sample test banks, etc.) have been aligned with the accepted new standards. NSC educational materials will no longer be produced.
3. The "levels" of EMT are being consolidated and renamed to be aligned across the nation as the transition continues.

The Wyoming Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), which is part of the Public Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, has been working to put these changes into effect for our Wyoming providers. This document is intended to help Wyoming providers understand what is needed for this process and to summarize transition course information and guidelines.

How will this impact Wyoming EMT – Intermediates?

This system, together with rule changes related to the "Attendant" or "Non-attendant" designation, will result in only two levels of intermediate instead of the previous 10:

1. Advanced EMT (AEMT): based on the *National EMS Education Standards* and the *National EMS Scope of Practice Model*.
2. Intermediate EMT (IEMT): the equivalent of the AEMT level with the Wyoming specific cardiac emergency skills and training.

The simplified, two-level system will result in three distinct groups of EMS providers.

Group 1: Current Intermediate EMTs that are authorized at a scope of practice that is *less* than the AEMT will take a transition course and be designated as "EMTs" with a separate authorization to continue to perform at their current level. These persons will continue to perform as an EMT with these additional authorizations until natural attrition occurs. The only change the provider will see is a name change.

Group 2: Current Intermediate EMTs that are currently authorized to perform at a scope of practice *equivalent* to the AEMT will take a transition course and be designated as an "AEMT."

Group 3: Current Intermediate EMTs that are authorized to perform at a scope of practice *above* that of an AEMT will take a transition course and be designated as an "IEMT."

Who needs to complete a transition class?

Wyoming is requiring all EMS providers to complete a transition class. This will continue to align our providers and their scopes of practice with the new *Standards*.

Who does not need a transition?

- Individuals who have completed an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course since November 2012 (These individuals have been issued a yellow Basic Emergency Care card indicating their course was completed under the EMS Education Standards).
- Individuals who have completed an EMT course since the spring of 2012.
- Individuals who completed an AEMT course since 2013.
- Individuals that taught an EMR, EMT or AEMT *based on the EMS Education Standards*.
- Paramedics affiliated with an EMS agency that completed the requirements to perform under the “Wyoming Scope of Practice for Paramedics: 2011.”

Transition Classes:

The following table lists the previous Wyoming EMS level, the transition class required, and the new level acquired after the transition is complete.

Previous Level	Transition Class	New Level
Basic Emergency Care (BEC)	First Responder (FR) to EMR (approximately 8 hours)	Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
EMT-Basic/EMT-Attendant	EMT-B to EMT (approximately 13 hours)	EMT
EMT-I (IV only module)	EMT-B to EMT (approximately 13 hours)	EMT (will retain IV module)
EMT-I (IV and supraglottic airway modules)	EMT-B to EMT (approximately 13 hours)	EMT (will retain IV/supraglottic airway modules)
EMT-I (IV, supraglottic airway, medical medications modules)	EMT-B to EMT (approximately 13 hours) AEMT (approximately 4 hours) (approximately 17 hours total)	AEMT
EMT-I (IV, supraglottic airway, medical medications, cardiac medications modules)	EMT-B to EMT (approximately 13 hours) AEMT (approximately 4 hours) (approximately 17 hours total)	AEMT (will retain IV, supraglottic airway, medical medications, cardiac medications modules)
EMT-I (IV, supraglottic airway, medical medications, cardiac medications, manual defibrillation modules, endotracheal intubation,)	EMT-B to EMT (approximately 13 hours) AEMT (approximately 4 hours) (approximately 17 hours total)	IEMT (This level is specific to Wyoming)
EMT-Paramedic	Complete 2011 Paramedic Scope of Practice Education	Paramedic

Where to find Transition Materials:

All transition information is available on the OEMS website under “**Transition Toolkit.**”

www.health.wyo.gov/sho/ems/index.html

If you are unable to download the transition materials or have any questions about the classes, please contact Coleen King, the OEMS Education Coordinator. Included in the **Transition Toolkit** are the following:

- Transition Information and Guidelines
- FR to EMR Transition Course Guidelines
- EMT and AEMT Transition Course Guidelines
- Transition Roster

These courses may be conducted at a local level by a service director, training officer, medical director, or other qualified person. Once a transition class is finished, please submit the completed transition roster to:

Wyoming Office of EMS
Attn: Coleen King
6101 Yellowstone Rd., Suite 400
Cheyenne, WY 82009

You may also scan and email the roster to coleen.king@wyo.gov. Please allow ten (10) business days for certificates to be printed and sent. Certificates will be mailed to the instructor of record for the course. Transition classes should be completed by **December 2016** for all levels. All transition classes may be used as continuing education in the renewal of a certification.

Transition Education for National Registry Certification:

Another component connected with the transition is related to those EMS providers who have a National Registry of EMT (NREMT) certification. While Wyoming currently *does not* require that EMTs be certified through the NREMT for licensure, the NREMT is requiring EMS providers to complete a state-approved transition course and submit a certificate of completion along with continuing education records. While NREMT deadlines are provided below as a matter of convenience, their inclusion in this document *should not* be construed as a requirement to take the NREMT certification exam.

NREMT First Responder expires:	Complete EMR Transition by:
September 30, 2011	September 30, 2015
September 30, 2012	September 30, 2016
NREMT-Basic expires:	Complete EMT Transition by:
March 31, 2011	March 31, 2015
March 31, 2012	March 31, 2016
NREMT-Intermediate/85 expires:	Complete AEMT Transition by:
March 31, 2011	March 31, 2015
March 31, 2012	March 31, 2016
March 31, 2013	March 31, 2017
NREMT-Paramedic expires:	Complete Paramedic Transition by:
March 31, 2011	March 31, 2015
March 31, 2012	March 31, 2016
March 31, 2013	March 31, 2017