

April 8th, 2016

Dear South Dakota Emergency Medical Technicians, Ambulance Service Directors/Managers, Course Coordinators/Instructors, and Educational Institutions:

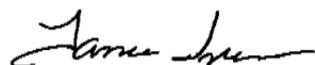
Beginning April 1st, 2017, The SD Office of Rural Health/EMS will transition to the new National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) recertification model for the EMT level provider.

The NCCP offers numerous improvements that will impact EMS for the better for years to come. These changes allow a platform for evidenced-based medicine to reach EMS professionals all over the country, give state and local agencies the freedom to dictate a portion of the national recertification requirements and provide a foundation for the EMS professional to embrace life-long learning through self-assessment.

Beginning April 1st, 2017, EMTs will use the new NCCP model for recertifying in 2019. For those whose recertification cycle ends March 31st, 2018, you will move to the NCCP model April 1st, 2018 for recertifying in 2020.

For those who are State Certified only, we will continue to have a 24 hour recertification model, much like it has been, but will incorporate new topics based on the NCCP National Component, and new topics for the State Component.

For more information on the new NCCP recertification platforms (State and National Registry), hours and subject matter required, Training Officer's Guide, EMT Educational Guidelines, Course Breakdown (what hours apply to the categories if you have certifications such as PHTLS, AMLS, CPR, PEPP, etc.), please visit our website, EMS.sd.gov. You may also find information on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians website at nremt.org.



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