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To: Louisiana Bureau of EMS Instructors and Education Programs

From: EMS Certification Commission (EMSCC)

Regarding: EMSCC Student Clearance Prior to Clinical Work

The Bureau of EMS continues to address concerns regarding education programs allowing students awaiting EMSCC clearance to fully complete their education program. These programs then attempt to add the cleared students to the roster post facto.

As outlined in §407 of the Policy & Procedure Manual, students must complete the criminal background affidavit to be enrolled as a student. While the didactic course component may begin while a student is waiting for full clearance, per §413.A.1 a STUDENT-AUTHORIZATION letter must have been received prior to performing any skills in the supervised clinical phase. This requirement is in place to protect the public.

If you have a student who has enrolled in your program and is awaiting clearance from the EMSCC, they are NOT PERMITTED to participate in any clinical experiences or ride alongs.

This information has previously been communicated through several Bureau of EMS Education Newsletters forwarded to all instructors and program directors over the last year.

Please note that the EMS Certification Commission will reprimand programs, program directors and instructors which allow students to participate in clinical work prior to student license approval in the Bureau of EMS Information Management System. Actions by the Commission may include but are not limited to monetary fines, probation or possible revocation of an Emergency Medical Services license, instructor privileges or of the education program.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have further questions.

Respectfully,

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