

SILVER CROSS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

TITLE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER – EMR (FR)

POLICY: IDPH CODE 515.725

EMR (AKA First Responder) – a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction for the EMR as approved by IDPH, who provides EMR services prior to the arrival of an ambulance or specialized emergency medical services vehicle, in accordance with the level of care established in the National EMS Educational Standards for EMR and IDPH.

Emergency Medical Responder Services – a preliminary level of pre-hospital emergency care that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), monitoring vital signs and control of bleeding, as outlined in the EMR curriculum of the National EMS Education standards and IDPH.

- I. Any individual, who acts as an EMR with an affiliated System Provider Agency, must be registered with the System and licensed by IDPH.
 - Reference Policy 200-2 System Entry Requirements – EMR and EMT System Entry.
 - Reference Policy 100-1 EMS Classes for EMR course information and licensure.

- II. An agency providing service at the EMR level will have all required EMR equipment and supplies as indicated on the IDPH (FR) EMR Non-Transport inspection form on the IDPH website: <http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/opr-non-transport-inspection-form-provider-050516.pdf> and per System policy 300-3.

- III. EMR License Renewal: An EMR (FR) license will be valid for a period of four years. To be relicensed the EMR/FR will submit:
 1. TO THE EMS SYSTEM: A current CPR card AND a total of 24 CE hours. All CE will be IDPH approved and content appropriate for the EMR level. The EMR will be responsible for maintaining their own CE documentation for at least 4 years.
 2. ONLINE WITH IDPH: Complete the IDPH ONLINE Statements and pay the \$20 fee <https://emslic.dph.illinois.gov/GLSuiteWeb/clients/ildohems/Public/Verification/Search.aspx>

- IV. EMRs whose licenses have expired may **within 60 days after license expiration**, submit all relicensure requirements with the \$50 IDPH late fee and still be renewed. EMRs whose licenses have expired past 60 days of license expiration will not be renewed.

- V. Any EMR whose license has expired for a period of **more than 60 days but less than 36 months** may apply for “REINSTATEMENT” with their EMS System. Refer to EMT Relicensure Reinstatement section.

- VI. Any EMR whose license has expired for a period of **more than 36 months** will be required to complete a new education program, pass the test, and file for new licensure.

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- VII. PROVISIONAL EMR: A person under the age of 18 will not be issued an EMR license. A person between the ages of 16 and 18 who has successfully completed an EMR course may apply to IDPH for a provisional EMR license. Upon satisfaction of all other applicable requirements, IDPH will issue a provisional license, subject to the following limitations:
- A person with a provisional license will not use his or her provisional license except when affiliated with a recognized Illinois EMS System and will never be placed in a position of primary response to emergencies;
 - A provisional licensee will function as an EMR ONLY while under the direct, personal and continuous supervision of at least one other non-provisional EMS Personnel licensed at or above the level of the EMS Personnel's license. Nothing in this policy will preclude a provisionally licensed EMR from providing nationally recognized basic first aid when not participating as part of the emergency medical response of his or her affiliated agency. A provisional licensee will not be used to satisfy staffing requirements and therefore may only be involved in patient transport when at least two other non-provisional EMS personnel are on the transport;
 - A provisional licensee will not operate, drive or maneuver an IDPH licensed transport vehicle, rescue vehicle or non-transport agency owned vehicle in connection with an emergency response or the transportation of any patient; and;
 - The EMS EMS Personnel agency and the supervising licensee will be jointly responsible for assuring that no provisional licensee violates rules applicable to the provisional licensee and will immediately report details of any violations to the EMS MD. Violation of provisions applicable to provisional licensees will be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including license suspension and revocation.
 - The Provisional EMR license fee is the same as EMR and will be in effect for four years.
 - Once a provisional EMR reaches 18 all provisional restrictions are removed.

ATTACHMENT: FR/EMR RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 01-30-98**REVISED DATE:** 02-01-21

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STANDARDS FOR EMR CONTINUING EDUCATION**

I. RELICENSURE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY:

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

1. 24 Hours of CE (The 24 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 / Complete w/IDPH ONLINE: item 3.

II. STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Continuing education classes, seminars, clinical time, workshops or other types of programs will 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 Policy 200-16 at www.silvercrosssems.com "Continuing Education Acceptance & Validation Standards".

<u>Continuing Education Recommendations</u>	<u>(Documentation) & [Hours]</u>	<u>*Over 4 Years*</u>
1. BLS SCEMSS Moodle CE Monthly PowerPoint and Quiz (2.5 hours/month).....	60 hours	
2. CPR certification: AHA BLS Provider Card	3 hours	
3. Audit EMR or EMT Class (Instructor signature required)	UNLIMITED	
4. Agency EMS Training including Hazmat (IDPH approved w/site codes listed)	60 hours	
5. Initial: PHTLS, ITLS, CPR Instructor etc. (Card + Course Schedule) hr/hr.....	16 hours (max)	
6. Renewal: PHTLS, ITLS, CPR Instructor etc. (Card + Course Schedule) hr/hr	8 hours (max)	
7. ATLS, Wilderness EMS, TEMS (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.....	15 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, Eminet.com, ems-ce.com, MedicEd.com, CAPCE.org (Certificate)	15 hours (max)	
May include: Webinars and online offerings with subject matter found in the EMS Education Standards [e.g. sponsored by a governmental agency (infectious diseases, emergency preparedness) legal experts (documentation HIPAA) organizations or commercial offerings]		
14. IDPH Approved Locally Offered CE (Certificate or CE sheet w/hrs +site codes listed)	hour for hour	

Certificates must include EMS Personnel's name, CE topic, hours awarded, site code or CAPCE, 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 EMRs are limited to 2-14 for CE and must submit CE and CPR to the IDPH Regional Coordinator NOT A SYSTEM.