



Date: September 06, 2006
To: All EMS Providers
From: Alonzo W. Smith, Director
SC DHEC Division of EMS
Re: New Regulation Changes in SC State EMT Certification Status.

With the new EMS Regulations which were signed into law on June 23, 2006 comes a few changes to the EMT certification status.

Regulation 61-7, Section 900,
Subsection 902 F & repeated in Subsections 905 B and 906C :

All initial EMT certifications (Basic, Intermediate, Paramedic) must maintain a National Registry credential to be certified and recertified in South Carolina.

Explanation:

Any EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic who gains initial certification or re-certification after a lapse in certification, must present (along with other required credentials) a valid national registry credential each time for recertification of their state certification.

1. Initial certification means: (For all who are certified on or after October 01, 2006) - each EMT who becomes certified as a Basic, Intermediate or Paramedic for the first time as well as upon recertification.
2. Recertification after a lapse means : (For all who was certified before October 01, 2006)
 - A. If your SC EMT - Basic state Certification expires, you must fulfil all requirements to become nationally registered .
 - B. If your SC EMT state certification (Intermediate and Paramedic) expires - you may be reinstated by:
 - Completing a SC state-approved refresher course - and -
 - Successfully passing the SC state refresher practical & written examination.

Upon successful completion of the state examination you will receive a one-year “provisional” certification with a “new” EMT certification number.

In order to be re-certified in SC, you must fulfil all requirements to become nationally registered and must present (along with other required credentials) a valid national registry credential each time thereafter for recertification of your SC state certification.

The state office will begin enforcing these changes with any certifications / recertifications taking effect on or after October 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Catoe or Don Whiteley at (803) 545-4204