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To: Exam Committee, PSE Administrators, Training Center Directors

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Subject: Guidance on Evaluator Use of Cardiac Arrest Management/AED Skills Sheet

Due to some issues found on this evaluation sheet after the original COVID changes were approved by the Board of EMS, the following Guidance for evaluators has been developed by the Exam Committee and the Maine EMS Office:

1. Under the evaluation area: "Performs 2 minutes of high-quality, compression only adult CPR"
 - a. The statement "Performs 2 minutes of high-quality, compression only adult CPR" is a descriptor of the total evaluation for that box. The specific criteria to be evaluated for performance of that skill is outlined below it in four bullets.
 - b. "Performs continuous compressions is one of the evaluation bullet criteria.
 - c. Each bullet is worth one point each. The total number of points for that evaluation area should be four, not five.
2. The total number of points available for the skills station is changed to sixteen, from seventeen, as a result of the above total being four instead of five.
3. The second gray boxed note to the evaluator that reads "**NOTE: After 2 minutes candidate assesses patient and second rescuer verbalizes resuming compressions while candidate operates AED**" does not reflect the deletion of the second rescuer for COVID.
 - a. The note is revised to read: "**NOTE: After 2 minutes the evaluator advises the candidate 'the AED has arrived' and then verbalizes resuming compressions while candidate operates AED.**"
4. On page 107, the minimum points required for the Cardiac Arrest Management/AED skill should be 13 points and not 14 points.

Appendix:

Cardiac Arrest Management/AED Skills Sheet
EMT Exam User's Manual, p.107



Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination*
For Use June 1, 2020-December 31, 2020- Approved by MEMS Board May 6, 2020

CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT / AED

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____ Possible Points Points Awarded

Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions	1	
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Attempts to question bystanders about arrest events	1	
Checks Patient Responsiveness	1	
Requests additional EMS assistance	1	
Checks breathing and pulse simultaneously	1	
NOTE: After checking responsiveness, then checking breathing and pulse for no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs candidate, "The patient is unresponsive, apneic and pulseless."		
Immediately begins chest compressions [adequate depth and rate; allows the chest to recoil completely]	1	
Performs 2 minutes of high-quality, compressions-only adult CPR -Adequate depth and rate - at least 100 compressions per minute (1 point) -Performs continuous compressions (1 point) -Allows the chest to recoil completely (1 point) -Minimal interruptions of no more than 10 seconds throughout (1 point)	4	
NOTE: After 2 minutes the evaluator advises the candidate "the AED has arrived" and then verbalizes resuming compressions while candidate operates AED.		
Turns on power to AED	1	
Follows prompts and correctly attaches AED to patient	1	
Stops CPR and ensures all individuals are clear of the patient during rhythm analysis	1	
Ensures that all individuals are clear of the patient and delivers shock from AED	1	
Immediately directs rescuer to resume chest compressions	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	16

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- ___ Failure to check responsiveness, then check breathing and pulse simultaneously for no more than 10 seconds
- ___ Failure to immediately begin chest compressions as soon as pulselessness is confirmed
- ___ Failure to demonstrate acceptable high-quality, compressions-only adult CPR
- ___ Interrupts CPR for more than 10 seconds at any point
- ___ Failure to correctly attach the AED to the patient
- ___ Failure to operate the AED properly
- ___ Failure to deliver shock in a timely manner
- ___ Failure to ensure that all individuals are clear of patient during rhythm analysis and before delivering shock [verbalizes "All clear" and observes]
- ___ Failure to immediately resume compressions after shock delivered
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.

Appendix F:

Recommended Pass/Fail Criteria

RECOMMENDED PASS/FAIL CRITERIA FOR NREMT PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATION

MINIMUM POINTS REQUIRED

PATIENT ASSESSMENT – TRAUMA	33 points
PATIENT ASSESSMENT – MEDICAL	33 points
BAG-VALVE-MASK VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT.....	13 points
OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION BY NON-REBREATHING MASK	8 points
CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT/AED.....	13 points
SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SUPINE PATIENT)	11 points
RANDOM EMT SKILLS	
SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT).....	9 points
BLEEDING CONTROL/SHOCK MANAGEMENT.....	5 points
LONE BONE IMMOBILIZATION	8 points
JOINT IMMOBILIZATION	7 points

NOTE: Failure must be noted for any skill where minimum points were not realized. In addition, failure must be noted for any skill where the examiner has checked one of the "Critical Criteria" statements and documented the performance as required