



Bureau of EMS, Trauma & Preparedness Division of EMS & Trauma Policies & Procedures		EMS-520
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PURPOSE:

The intent of this policy is to define the criteria used for the initial and continuing approval of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Initial Education Programs that are not meeting compliance and the disciplinary actions that may result.

POLICY:

The Division of EMS & Trauma (DET) is responsible for the review and approval of all EMS Initial Education Programs, including the development and implementation of standards that each EMS Education Program must follow to achieve and maintain approval. All initial education programs must comply with [Part 209, Section 20912 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, Part 5 of the AACS, R 325.22339 through R 325.22345](#), and [EMS Initial Education Program Visit Report Criteria](#).

If a program is found to be non-compliant, as evidenced by one or more of the following:

1. Is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure approval of the education program, or in the operation of the education program.
2. False or misleading advertising.
3. Negligence or failure to exercise due care, including negligent supervision of faculty, instructors, and lab assistants.
4. Permitting unauthorized persons to perform the functions of a program director, course coordinator, instructor coordinator, or program physician director.
5. Failing to comply with the criteria and responsibilities of an EMS initial education program.
6. Has conducted an education program without prior approval by the DET.
7. Has knowingly violated or aided or abetted others in the violation of Part 209 or rules promulgated under this part.
8. Any other violation of Part 209 of the Public Health Code or the Administrative Rules promulgated under this part.

The DET may take the following action(s):

1. Deny an initial or re-approval application for an EMS initial education program based on a finding of a condition or practice that would constitute a violation of the Public Health Code, Administrative Rules, or this policy if the applicant were an approved EMS initial education program.
2. Require the program to complete a program performance improvement plan.
3. Issue a letter of reprimand to the Education Program.
4. Issue a nonrenewable conditional approval effective for not more than 1 year.
5. Issue an administrative order to correct the deficiencies and prescribing the actions the department determines to be necessary to obtain compliance with the Public Health Code and Rules, or to protect the public health safety, and welfare.
6. Suspend or revoke the approval of an existing program.
7. Issue any other action against licensed EMS providers involved in the education program under Section 20958 of the Public Health Code or a letter of reprimand.
8. Issue a cease and desist against individuals involved in the education program that are unlicensed, for example, Program Sponsor Representative, etc., which would prevent the individual from being involved in the education program and/or future education programs.

If the DET takes disciplinary action against a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited program for violations that could indicate substantial noncompliance with CAAHEP standards, the DET shall advise the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Profession (CoAEMSP) and CAAHEP of the action and the evidence on which the action was based.

The DET may issue an emergency order to limit, suspend, or revoke a program's approval if the DET has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of the program seriously affects the health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving care or services from the education program or its students. The emergency order will take immediate effect upon receipt by the education program and will incorporate the DET's findings and provide an opportunity for a meeting with DET within 5 working days.