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Subject: TRAINING ELIGIBILITY FOR AHA/MTN COURSES

Recently two key issues have been raised with respect to who is eligible to receive training and be issued an AHA/MTN course completion card. This training memo should clarify your concerns.

Can I train the nurse contractors (or any contractor) at my hospital in BLS, PALS, or ACLS and issue an AHA/MTN course card?

The Military Training Network solicited the official determination from the Chief, Policy and Compliance of the MEDCOM Health Care Acquisition Activity, the experts in health care contracts; who are hereby quoted.

“The requirements for contractor employees are addressed in the contract. If BLS or ACLS is a requirement then it should be stated in the contract and it is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that his employees/ subcontractors meet the requirement and maintain current certificate. The government only provides training to contractor personnel if the training is unique to the government (CHCS, PD2, local procedures). Contract employees are required to obtain and maintain all licenses, certifications and training that are a requirement of the position. If BLS/ACLS is not a current requirement of the contract but is now determined to be necessary, the contract should be modified to include the requirement. The government does not provide training that is commercially available. I have coordinated this response with our legal staff.”

To reemphasize, DoD contract employees are not to receive ACLS, PALS, or BLS AHA/MTN training and subsequent course completion cards, unless it specifically states that such training will be provided in the contract.

Can AHA/MTN course completion cards be issued to VA nurses or other civil service employee who are non-DoD employees?

The formal agreement between the American Heart Association and the Military Training Network authorizes the MTN to train and confer AHA/MTN course completion cards to active duty, reserve, and National Guard military service members and DoD civil service employees. The scope of our agreement does not encompass all agencies, such as Department of Agriculture civil service employee or Veteran's Administration civil service employee, or hospital volunteers.

Hospital commanders, may at their discretion, train other classifications of personnel and issue a local course completion card from the hospital, but it may not be an AHA/MTN card.