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Fellow EMS Providers,

During our last AEMTA conference, we had the opportunity to talk to many of our providers about the state's trauma system and a central theme that ran through all of these discussions was the fact that many of our providers are not exactly sure what makes up the entirety of the trauma system and how all of these parts work together to provide better outcomes for our patients. Along with that, the current rules specify that all providers are to have 2 hours of Arkansas specific trauma system education. With these things in mind please note the following. Attached to this email is a document that covers many if not all aspects of the Arkansas Trauma System and provides a detailed look at each component.

Not only to help each EMS provider gain a better understanding of the trauma system but to also provide you with the 2 hours of continuing education needed for your license renewal we have developed the following process.

We are asking each provider to first take the pre-test which can be found in the link below. Once you have completed the pre-test, you should then read the enclosed document paying attention to key aspects of the trauma system. Once you have completed the reading, you will then need to take the post-test to receive your 2 hours of credit and a certificate.

Please read the following closely.

In order to receive the 2 hours credit towards your license renewal and be provided a certificate, you must score at least **85% on the post-test** to receive credit. Once you have answered all of the questions on the post-test, your score will be displayed. Please do not close this screen until you have reviewed your answers. **If you do not score at least 85% on your first attempt, you will have only one more opportunity to complete the test**, which requires you to return to the post-test link and start the test over answering all questions.

Once you are successful, you may review your answers and close the test. You will receive an email with a certificate within 2 weeks. Please make sure that you provide an email that you check and that it is spelled correctly.

As with any online type pre-test and post-test, there is a temptation to just take the pre-test and immediately take the post-test without reading the material. Chances are if that is what is done, you will not be successful in passing the post-test. We ask that you follow the process as outlined above take the pre-test, read the material provided in-depth and then take the post-test.

Since this is on the honor system, we ask that you follow this process with honesty, integrity, and professionalism.

Step One - Take the Pretest by following this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Trauma_Pretest

Step Two - Read the attached material in depth

Step Three - Take the Posttest by following this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Trauma_Posttest

We would encourage you if you are an instructor to have your students follow this same process and learn about the trauma system. If you decide to do that, please have them enter 6 zeros for their license number (000000) in both the pre-test and post-test.

We also encourage all owners and operators to require this training for all their employees.

Respectfully,

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