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I was asked to clarify the position of the WREMAC as it relates to BLS Certification. Feel free to share this information should questions arise from any of your agencies.

Some CPR cards list a “recommended renewal” date on them. This is done because CPR certification is obtained by many different people for different reasons. There are very different expectations for a layperson taking and maintaining certification compared to an EMS provider.

CPR certification is a requirement of our regional credentialing policy. The American Heart Association’s Program Administration Manual states, “All AHA course completion cards are valid for 2 years through the end of the month in which the course completion card was issued.”

Therefore, CPR must be renewed every 2 years (even if the card says “recommended renewal”) in order for a provider to remain credentialed (or “on line”) in the region.

Providers who are off line should not perform any skills or procedures which require EMS certification/credentialing. These include, but are not limited to being the “EMT” in charge on a transport.

If an agency does not have sufficient providers online to meet the needs of their community they should immediately notify their medical director, program agency, county coordinator and mutual aid agencies to develop a contingency plan.



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