

MEMORANDUM

To: City/County Directors of Environmental Health
District Directors

From: Brian M. Miner, Director *BM*
Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection

Date: March 21, 2017

Subject: 2017 Fact Sheets for Acceptable Certifications: Aquatics,
CPR, and First Aid

For your information, as referenced in the Environmental Health Manual Technical Reference CSFP-16, attached are the updated “Fact Sheets” that list certifications that have been determined to be equivalent to those specified in Part 6 and/or Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code.

Due to recent changes to Public Health Law, which expanded the organizations that may participate in the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program, course approval will be the responsibility of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. The fact sheet “Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program Certifications for NYS Children’s Camps” has been rescinded. We will forward more information when it is available.

In addition to the changes listed below, please note that minor edits have been made as needed to correct and/or clarify certification titles or course provider names. Also, notations have been added for select American Red Cross certifications to indicate that the word “Review” or “Challenge” may be included in the certification title. These terms denote the course delivery system used for recertification.

1. The following Fact Sheets include changes for 2017:

Aquatic Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

- The following new American Red Cross certifications have been added:
 - Lifeguarding Basic-Level test for Lifeguarding Instructors
 - Lifeguarding Basic-Level test for Lifeguarding Instructors with Waterfront Skills Certificate
- The following certifications from the course provider LIFEGUARD-PRO have been added:
 - LIFEGUARD-SWIMMING POOL
 - LIFEGUARD-DEEP POOL
 - LIFEGUARD-WATER PARK
 - LIFEGUARD-WATERFRONT
 - LIFEGUARD-YOUTH CAMP
 - LIFEGUARD-SHALLOW POOL (Valid for water depths of 5 feet or less.)

Camp Aquatics Director for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

- The American Red Cross certification "Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor" has been added.

Camp Trip Swimming Program Safety Certifications for NYS Children's Camps

- The American Red Cross certification "Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor" has been added.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification for NYS Children's Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities

- The notation for the American Heart Association certifications that "Certification listing "Laerdal Medical" as the "TC address contact info" and "Course Location" on the back of the card are not acceptable" has been removed.
- The American Red Cross certification "CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers with First Aid" has been added.
- A new American Safety & Health Institute certification "Basic Life Support BLS for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers" has been added.
- The following certifications have been changed to reflect updated certification titles:
 - EMS Safety Services, Inc.: BLS for Healthcare Providers (formerly CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers)
 - Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada: BLS HCP Heartsaver (C) Provider (formerly Level C - Basic Rescuer CPR)
 - Regional Emergency Services Council of New York City: CPR PLUS (formerly BCLS for Health Care Providers Course)
 - St. John Ambulance Canada: CPR Level C & AED (formerly Level C (Basic Rescuer) CPR)

First Aid Certifications for NYS Children's Camp Staff

- The American Red Cross certification "Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED" has been added as an acceptable certification at a summer day camp.
- Notations have been added for American Heart Association certifications specifying "optional modules" that must not be marked out.

Level III and IV Aquatic Supervision Staff Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

- The American Heart Association certification "Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED" has been added.
- A notation has been added for the American Heart Association certifications that the optional modules "Child CPR AED," "Infant CPR," and "Exam" or "Written Test" must not be marked out.

Progressive Swimming Instructor for NYS Children's Camps

- A new American Red Cross certification "Basic Swim Instructor" has been added.

Qualified Swimming Pool Treatment Operator Courses and Certifications for Operation of NYS Swimming Pools and Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds

- A new certification "Swimming Pool Operations" from the course provider City of New York Parks & Recreation has been added, with a notation specifying certification is only accepted for swimming pools and recreational aquatic spray grounds operated by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

2. No changes have been made to the following Fact Sheets for 2017:

- Learn-to-Swim Programs for NYS Children's Camps
- NYS Bathing Facilities Supervision Level III Aquatic Certification Required for Instructional Activities

Please distribute these Fact Sheets to facility operators as needed. The most current Fact Sheets are available at www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/camps/.

If you have any questions regarding these Fact Sheets, please contact your regional field coordinator.

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