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### *Advisory Notice*

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To: Mississippi Trauma Center leaders, ENA Course Directors & Instructors and ENA students.

The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF) was contacted by Course Directors regarding the student registration changes to Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) ENPC or TNCC provider courses. According to ENA documents, beginning on December 9, 2020 students will now select their 'student type' upon registration. They will choose between Full Course RN, Fast Track RN (TNCC only), Challenger RN, or Full Course Non-RN. The MTCSF has reviewed these changes, discussed this with a few course directors and had a formal discussion with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems (MSDH, BACS).

First, we respect the Emergency Nurses Association's actions to provide options to better address student type and provide options during this time of staffing shortages and increasing online learning.

Second, we respect the course directors and instructors concerns in adapting to changing class structure and their efforts to continue to provide education they are confident is meeting needs.

Third, we respect the students who want options for course participation.

In discussions with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems, it was agreed that clearance to reimburse for these courses, based on student type, must be obtained through the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. We anticipate the new ENA options will be reviewed by the Clinical Effectiveness Committee (CEC) and/or the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee (MTAC). **Until these groups have reviewed the prospect of funding these options, the MTCSF will only reimburse for "Full Course RN" attendance. Course Directors should be mindful of this position statement when planning courses and students should be mindful of this as they consider attending course offerings. This position statement is in effect until further notice.**

The MTCSF and/or the MSDH, BACS will provide an update when determinations are made. I welcome concise and constructive feedback worthy of consideration by these committees.

Respectfully,

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