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Advisory Notice / Position Statement

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Subject: ENA Student Registration and Fast Track

Notice No. 2021-01

To: Mississippi trauma center leaders, ENA course directors & instructors and ENA students.

Update To: ENA Student Registration and Fast Track; Advisory Notice Number 2020-01

In response to changes made by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) specific to TNCC student registration and fast-track course requirements, on Dec. 22, 2020 the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF) issued Advisory Notice 2020-01, which stated the MTCSF would only reimburse for the "Full Course RN" attendance as define by ENA until further notice.

The decision to temporarily suspend reimbursement was made because of the short notification from ENA (December 9, 2020), the concerns of course directors that were made to the MTCSF, questions that arose after a review of initial ENA documents by the MTCSF education coordinators and the advice of the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems to present the changes to the Mississippi Trauma System Clinical Effectiveness Committee (CEC) and the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee (MTAC) for review and recommendations.

I am pleased to say that the matter has been reviewed by said committees with the following recommendations.

- A. Continue to reimburse the Full Course RN and Fast Track RN (TNCC only) at a rate determined to be appropriate.
- B. Fast Track students are expected to have completed the Full Course RN at least one time prior to attempting the Fast-Track route, as recommended. Reimbursement for Fast-track status may only be offered to students seeking recertification.
- C. Challenger RN may not be reimbursed using state trauma funds.
- D. Students who do not successfully complete the fast-track course should not receive reimbursement to re-take the course.

Based on these committee decisions and effective immediately, the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF) will revise relevant policies to resume reimbursement for these courses as follows:

- Full Course-RN (1.5-day) reimbursement is unchanged and will reimburse for the cost of the course not to exceed \$325.
- Fast Track-RN (1-day, TNCC only) payment will be reimbursed for the cost of the course not to exceed \$325.

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- If a student does not successfully complete the course, repeating the course will be at the student's expense.

The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF) will maintain our mission of "Optimizing outcomes for every trauma patient," by continuing to ensure every emergency department trauma nurse receives adequate training to care for their trauma patients. The following rules shall be implemented to control this ruling by MTAC.

1. Course Directors shall monitor registration to ensure initial TNCC Provider Certification students are enrolled in the Full Course-RN (1.5-day) status.
2. The person completing the request for payment documents, shall attest that any Fast-Track Student is a student seeking recertification on the MTCSF Request for Approval and Payment Form.
3. Person completing request for payment documents, shall provide a Student Roster that is complete with pass scores in the Skills 1 and Exam 1 or Exam 2 fields (blot out personal information).
4. Students that do not successfully complete these courses with a passing score will not be reimbursed for the cost incurred to repeat the course.
5. Unless confidentiality is requested by the attendee, the course director should notify the MTCSF of any student that does not receive certification if reimbursement was requested but certification was not obtained.
6. The attendee is responsible for sharing verification status and pass/fail information with their employer and notifying the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation if reimbursement was requested but certification was not obtained.
7. The student repeating a course may pay the course director directly or online payment may be arranged by contacting the MTCSF.
8. Effective February 1, 2021 all request for reimbursement must be submitted on the *MTCSF Request for Approval and Payment Form (revision 3.2; Feb. 2021)*, which has been updated with fields for the additional information and the attestations.

Failure to abide by these rules may result in notification of non-compliance to the MSDH, BACS. Should you have questions or need clarification contact jgardner@mhanet.org.

Should you have question or concerns please contact MTCSF.

Sincerely,



Mississippi Trauma Care System, Director
