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From: Chris Stewart <costewart@mail.wvu.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:21 AM
To: Tucker, William A
Subject: EMT-Miner

Mr. Tucker,

As per our conversations here are my thoughts on the EMT-M Program

1. Medical Direction, within the scope of practice there should be a medical director to oversee the prescription of oxygen and oversee the program to assure that we are giving the best care possible to the WV miner.
2. The Term Emergency Medical Technician have always followed the DOT curriculum that has been put in place for years, we should adopt the national standard for Emergency Medical Responder program and have the miners nationally certified, If not then I believe we should eliminate the usage of EMT-M and call the training and certification "Enhanced" or "Advanced" Mining First Aid or something to eliminate the words EMT.
3. Instructors, I personally feel that giving someone a "instructor" certification based on the qualifications that are set in place now will be detrimental to the WV miner by the instructor not providing the proper experience and knowledge base, I cannot see how someone who has never taught any type of medical related class is now an EMT-M instructor. The new instructor qualifications needs to be more stringent and proactive. There should be a screening process, some type of educator methodology class on basic adult education and evaluations before they teach(RESA programs) and the most important the instructor candidate has to be EMT-M certified himself. How can you teach something if you have never held the certification or training yourself? By definition Emergency Medical Technician and Emergency Medical Responder are a step above First Aid training, this profoundly disturbs me that we are cheating the WV Miner in being a competent and confident life saver by certifying possibly incompetent instructors to teach who only hold a CPR/First Aid rating.

Again these are my professional and personal thoughts based on my experience. I am 100% at the WVOMHST disposal for anything I can be of assistance with. I want this program to succeed and move forward, but foremost I want the absolute best training that can be offered the West Virginia miner.

Thank you,
Christopher Stewart

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Bill,

Here are a couple of comments on the EMT-M bill, thanks.

June 2, 2016

To: Bill Tucker

From: Gary Frampton

Subject: Comments Concerning 56CSR22

I ask that we strike 4.5.c.1—we discussed in the session held here at the RRLA that to our knowledge there is not an approved 32 hour EMT-M course, and personally I do not see where it is economically feasible. To wait three years, and then take the miner out of the work force for four days, instead of one day per year under the normal practice, is not a good business decision and thus not an option for companies to do.

Secondly, based upon the prior comment, I ask that we also strike the same 32 hour wording from the language in 4.6 as it is not a feasible option.

Thirdly, we ask under 4.10: what are the qualifications for another entity to become authorized? Presently the Running Right Leadership Academy received the endorsement of the WVDHHR, Office of OEMS, and would we be qualified then per WVOMHST? Will we need a Medical Director (required by DHHR) as part of the approval process?

Thanks for what you do, and making a difference there.

Gary Frampton

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May 26, 2016

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Dear Mr. Tucker,

I am submitting on behalf of the RESA Public Safety Training coordinators a comment on 56CSR22 the new rules governing the certification, recertification and training of EMT-Miners, specifically section 5.2.a. that deals with the qualifications to instruct the EMT-M program.

This section allows first-aid instructors to teach the EMT-M program. The EMT-Mining curriculum is of a higher level than that of a basic first aid instructor. Thus, a basic first aid instructor would be instructing material which is above their level of training. This presents a problem because you would have an instructor teaching techniques that they have not been taught or tested on. While section 5.6 of the rule allows instructors to bring in persons with special expertise to assist in teaching, an instructor that is unfamiliar with that subject matter would have no way of evaluating if the material was being taught correctly. The best way to deliver the training is to use instructors that have at a minimum the level of training that they are instructing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this rule.

Sincerely,



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**Ref: Proposed EMT-M Rule
56CSR22 Title 56, Series 22**

Dear Mr. Tucker,

In response to the proposed EMT-M rule I would like to make the following comments:

- 1. EMT-M's should have a period of one year from the date of the original test to retake any part of the test they failed.**
- 2. Due to a number of circumstances including mine closures, not being aware of where classes were available, etc. several EMT-M's failed to get recertified during 2015. (This may be the highest number ever to lose their certification in one year)**

Can we grandfather those EMT's into the new rule and allow them to take the 2015 class to get back into the system. This would give them a December 2016 expiration date and allow them to get completely caught up this year.

Sincerely,


**Donnie Coleman
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