KY Board of EMS Approved PAHT Courses

In the 2010 Regular Session Kentucky Legislators enacted House Bill 285. This is an Act that amends or creates various provisions throughout Kentucky’s statutory framework and through those amendments mandates training in recognition of pediatric abuse head trauma.

KRS 311A.120 The board shall require continuing education for emergency medical technicians or first responders that includes the completion of one and one-half (1.5) hours of board approved continuing education covering the recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, at least one (1) time every five (5) years. The one and one-half (1.5) hours required under this section shall be included in the current number of required continuing education hours.

KRS 311A.127 The board shall require continuing education for paramedics that includes the completion of one and one-half (1.5) hours of board approved continuing education covering the recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, at least one (1) time every five (5) years. The one and one-half (1.5) hours required under this section shall be included in the current number of required continuing education hours.

Only KBEMS approved courses will be accepted for the completion of this requirement.

The KY EMS for Children PAHT Course

KYEMSC worked with Dr. Melissa Currie, a physician who is board-certified in Child Abuse Medicine and is Kentucky’s leading expert in the treating abused children, to develop a course that meets the requirements for PAHT education. This course is offered free of charge. Current EMS Educators are eligible to complete a train-the-trainer course to offer this class to providers in their area. Classes are typically offered 2 times per year, in the spring and fall.

If you are looking for a KYEMSC PAHT course, you will find the list of approved instructors on the KBEMS website, EMSC section, PAHT page. You can contact an instructor in your area to inquire about upcoming classes. If requested by the instructor, classes will be listed on the KBEMS News & Events page.

Contact morgan.scaggs@kctcs.edu for more information.

Other Board-Approved Options

1. KY Department of Criminal Justice Training PAHT Course – you must supply appropriate documentation of completion to fulfill your EMS requirement for PAHT education with this course.

2. Courses Approved by the KY Board of Nursing - KBN-approved courses may be used to fulfill the PAHT education requirement and for continuing education credit.

Below are some of the courses we are aware of. This is not an all-inclusive list. If you locate another course that appears to be KBN-approved, please let us know so we can verify the course and add it to our list.

- http://ce.nurse.com/course/ce657/pediatric-abusive-head-trauma/
- http://www.wkctcnw.com/catalog/?id=9
- http://www.accesscontinuingeducation.com/States/kentucky.cfm