STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS

SUMMARY FOR METHODS OF RECERTIFICATION UTILIZING CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

In accordance with NAC 450B.366 and .380 a certified Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic may qualify for renewal if the holder of the certificate has successfully completed an approved continuing education program that is at least equivalent to the national standard refresher course for the level of certification for which the holder is applying; or by submitting evidence of successfully completing the renewal of NREMT credentials by exam.

By obtaining credit hours or units of continuing education, 1 hour of instruction is equal to 1 education unit, approved by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health that has the following minimum number of hours:

Emergency Medical Responder	20 hours
EMT and Advanced EMT	30 hours
Paramedic	40 hours
Instructor	10 hours

Continuing education units (CEUs) and hours may be categorized into the following areas:

1) Trauma
2) Medical
3) Pediatric/Geriatric
4) Related Specialty Areas
5) Cardiac
6) Skills Verification

A maximum of 10 hours per category will be allowed to ensure a well rounded education. Attendance at EMS related conferences may qualify for more than one category as supported by the conference agenda. It is recommended that prior approval by the Nevada State EMS Program be requested to assure acceptance toward renewal of certification.

Additional CEUs can be obtained via the internet or national trade journals. Most of the sites that provide these credits also charge a fee. In order to be acceptable for certification renewal they must have a Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) approval number. Certificates submitted that do not have this approval number will be rejected. A list of internet sites approved for CEUs can be found at cecbems.org.

Acceptable documentation would include certificates issued by the agency that conducted the training. Certificates must display topic of instruction, number of CEUs or hours obtained, date of instruction, and Nevada State EMS course approval number or CECBEMS number. Copies of sign-in sheets are not acceptable.

Evidence of current Healthcare Provider CPR card issued by American Heart Association or equivalent, approved by and filed with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. CPR will be granted 4 CEUs per renewal period.

Licensed emergency medical technicians, at all levels, **must** submit evidence of having completed one skills verification at their respective levels, signed by the service medical director or a qualified instructor approved by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health during the 12-month period prior to the expiration date of the certification. They **may** also submit skills verification from the prior year. Credit towards CEU's will be applied to category 6 (skills verification) in the following amounts:

EMT	1 hour for each year for a maximum of 2 hours
Advanced EMT	2 hours for each year for a maximum of 4 hours
Paramedic	3 hours for each year for a maximum of 6 hours