

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES



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TO: Regional Directors
Local Agent Health Departments
Attn: Environmental Public Health Sanitarians

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SUBJECT: **Health Care Staff Qualifications for Rec- Ed Camps**

QUESTION

What courses or combination of courses are approved by the department to satisfy the requirement in Chapter DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1(g) and/or DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1(h) regarding on-site health service staff qualifications?

BACKGROUND

Due to the ever changing landscape of medical response, CPR, and first aid the department has determined it vital to create a policy that clearly lists the approved courses that satisfy DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1(g &h).

Over time new courses have been created and longstanding courses have been modified or discontinued. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to determine new and out of date courses that may or may not fit the criteria of an approved course. A newly developed course may also be submitted to the department for approval at any time throughout the year.

Policy

Because of the way DHS 175 is written, the department will utilize the manuals of the American Red Cross: Emergency Medical Response and the American Red Cross:

Responding to Emergencies course as a standard to assess all other courses that come to the attention of the department. If a course material and content is equivalent or exceeding in scope to that of the department's standards, the course will be added to the approved list. If a course fails to meet equivalency, recommendations will be sent to those individuals requesting approval in order for them to modify the course to meet the department's requirements.

To date, the department has reviewed numerous courses that meet the requirements detailed in DHS 175. The following list provides various ways in which a Recreational and Educational Camp can gain compliance specific to DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1.

1) The courses listed below are approved by the department to meet or exceed the standards of DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1(g):

- American Red Cross: *Emergency Medical Response*
- Wilderness Medical Associates: *Wilderness First Responder Course*

2) The courses listed below are approved by the department to meet or exceed the standards of DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1(h):

- American Red Cross: *Responding to Emergencies*
- American Red Cross: *Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course* in conjunction with a department approved CPR course (See below)
- American Safety & Health Institute: *Advanced First Aid* in conjunction with a department approved CPR course (See below)
- Boy Scouts of America: *Wilderness First Aid and Doctrine Guidelines* in conjunction with a department approved CPR course (See below)
- Wilderness Medical Associates: *Wilderness First Aid Course*

3) One course from each of the following three sections will be considered by the department to meet or exceed the standards of DHS 175.19 (5)(b)1(h), as long as no overnight offsite programs are offered during camp:

a) Department Approved CPR Courses

- American Red Cross: *CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer*
- American Red Cross: *Lifeguard Certification Course*

- American Heart Association: *BLS for Health Care Providers*
- American Safety & Health Institute: *CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer*

b) Department approved First Aid Courses

- American Red Cross: *First Aid for Lay Responders*
- American Heart Association: *Heartsaver First Aid*
- American Safety & Health Institute: *Basic First Aid*

c) Department approved Anaphylactic Shock/Epinephrine Pen Courses

- American Red Cross: Anaphylactic Shock/Epinephrine Pen Online Course

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