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MEMORANDUM FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING SITES (ATTN: PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS)

SUBJECT: Phase out of BLS Instructor-Trainer Certification

1. The American Heart Association (AHA) recently published a National ECC Training Memo with the subject line [Instructor Trainers-transition to new roles](#). The memo outlines the phase out of the BLS Instructor-Trainer (IT) status. Effective immediately, MTN TS may no longer conduct new BLS IT courses. All presently certified BLS ITs will continue to be fully recognized, maintain their authority to conduct BLS Instructor and Heartsaver Instructor courses, and monitor instructors until the expiration date noted on the individual's wallet card. Expiring cards will be renewed as a BLS Instructor (BLS-I) following the renewal process for BLS-I outlined in the MTN AH.
2. The previous roles of the BLS-IT (instructor monitoring, instructor mentoring, conducting instructor courses, etc.) will be accomplished by MTN appointed Affiliate Faculty (AF). This will put a greater burden on the TS AF. The MTN strongly recommends that multiple AF's be appointed at each TS, with a minimum of two. Additional AF may be required to support a large instructor cadre. A ratio of one AF for approximately 20 BLS instructors is a general rule of thumb. Additional AF candidates should be drawn from the Training Site's existing cadre of BLS-ITs; however, not all existing ITs should become AFs. Training Sites must determine their needs and which of their ITs have the appropriate qualifications (skills, time on station, availability, etc) to become an AF.
3. Along with the phase out of AHA BLS-IT, appointment requirements for MTN TS staff positions have been altered. The AF now must have a current BLS-I wallet card and two years of experience as a BLS-I versus a BLS-IT. The requirement for teaching at least one BLS-IT course in the previous two years has changed to at least one BLS-I course in the last two years. All other requirements remain unchanged. The appointment criteria for the Program Director (PD) are also changed to mirror that of the AF. The PD is responsible for all aspects of the BLS training program and therefore should be the senior or most experienced AF at the TS.
4. Thank you for attention concerning this important matter. If further assistance is needed, please contact the MTN BLS Program Managers, HM1(SW/FMF) Jeremy M. Heveron, USN, jheveron@usuhs.mil, at DSN 295-1479/0964/commercial (301) 295-1479/0964 or SSG Andre C. Chance, USA, achance@usush.mil, at DSN 295-1492/0964/commercial (301) 295-1492/0964. For the latest, most up-to-date information from MTN, please visit our website at www.usuhs.mil/mtn.


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