CHILD CARE PROVIDER TRAINING BULLETIN

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To: EMSA-approved Preventive Health and Safety Practices Training Directors

Re: One-Hour Children’s Nutrition Module as a Continuation of Previous Course

Dear Directors of Training:

Since AB 290 went into effect on January 1, 2016, there have been some problems that have arisen regarding child care providers whose licensing process was not completed prior to the January 1, 2016 implementation. Many of these providers took their 7-hour Preventive Health and Safety Practices (PHSP) Training in the last few months of 2015. However, because they are still in the licensing process in 2016, they must abide by the new law, which requires that every new licensee have the one hour of children’s nutrition training as a condition of their 2016 license.

Providers in this situation are faced with having to take the full 8-hour training in order to be in compliance with the new nutrition law. This is a hardship for many, as they must schedule and pay for another full-day class so soon after taking their 7-hour course, and must repeat the bulk of the health and safety training within a few month’s span.

The EMS Authority was asked to consider a temporary solution to this problem. The solution that EMSA has agreed to is to temporarily allow EMSA-approved Preventive Health and Safety Practices training programs to provide the one-hour children’s nutrition module as a continuation of an earlier course to those...
child care providers who took the original 7-hour course in the latter part of 2015. The parameters for the training are as follows:

1. For this solution, only currently approved EMSA Preventive Health and Safety Practices training programs with approved nutrition curricula may teach the temporary one-hour children’s nutrition curriculum.
2. This solution can be applied only to child care providers who received their original 7-hour Preventive Health and Safety Practices training in the last few months of 2015 and who took their training from programs that are currently EMSA-approved to teach the children’s nutrition module.
3. This solution can be applied only to child care providers who took their 7-hour Preventive Health and Safety Practices training from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
4. This solution will only be able to be carried out from February 2, 2016 until May 2, 2016.
5. This solution is voluntary on the part of the EMSA-approved PHSP training program; some training programs have chosen not to participate.
6. Child care providers may only take the one-hour children’s nutrition course through the same training program that they had previously taken the 7-hour PHSP course.
7. Any additional cost to the child care provider for the one-hour nutrition training will be the decision of the training program.
8. PHSP Training Programs will have to rescind the child care provider licensee’s 7-hour PHSP course completion card and sticker. Once child care licensees have completed the one-hour children’s nutrition module, the child care training program will issue a new PHSP course completion card and sticker with the 2016 completion date.
9. The PHSP training program must destroy the rescinded course completion card and sticker.
10. The PHSP training program must submit to EMSA a new roster form with the child care provider’s *previous* PHSP sticker number and the 2016 replacement sticker number, along with all other information required for the roster.

If you have any questions about this temporary solution for child care provider compliance with AB 290, feel free to contact Lucy at (916) 431-3678, or at lucy.chaidez@emsa.ca.gov.