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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2008

TO: All Ventura County EMS Providers

FROM: Angelo Salvucci, MD 
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RE: BLS, ACLS and PALS Training Classes (UPDATE)

During the course of our investigation into Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) training classes, the Ventura County EMS Agency (VCEMS) has identified several instructors and organizations that may be operating outside of American Heart Association (AHA) standards.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the Ventura County EMS Agency will no longer accept BLS, ACLS or PALS cards from the below listed instructors or organizations to meet any Ventura County Accreditation, Authorization or Certification requirements outlined in VCEMS Policies 301, 302, 318, 321, 322, 323, 324 and 334.

Joseph Silverstein
Connie Klink
Training Solutions, Inc.
ACLS Xpress
Emergency Medical Training Services

Cards for BLS, ACLS, or PALS courses from Connie Klink or ACLS Xpress issued prior to today's date will be accepted to meet the VCEMS Policy standards, but should not be submitted for continuing education hours.

To ensure compliance with current standards, prior to enrolling in a BLS, ACLS or PALS program, personnel shall confirm to which training center the program is affiliated and the name of the instructor. Personnel are also cautioned against using any online BLS, ACLS or PALS programs that do not incorporate a verifiable skills testing component.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the EMS office at (805) 981-5301.