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Questions

Q- How will this affect my state?
A- Each state is expected to accept the AEMT SMC differently. Please contact your state officials.

Q- How many live patient contacts are recommended?
A- 30 exposures during the entire course (Laboratory, clinical, hospital, and field phases).

Q- Is the psychomotor examination going away?
A- The sunset of the psychomotor examination will begin July 1, 2024.

Q- Why are we changing?
A- The AEMT SMC is a better assessment of competency and will capture a more complete picture of a learner’s knowledge, skills, abilities, and learning progression.

Q- Is the AEMT SMC required? If so, by who?
A- After July 1, 2024, the completion of a state’s AEMT SMC requirements, as per state-approved protocols, will represent an essential requirement for AEMT certification testing from the National Registry.

Dates To Know

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