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TO: Child Care Provider Health and Safety Training Program Directors

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SUBJECT: REVISED INTERPRETATION OF THE TERM “HOME STUDY” RELATIVE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING COURSE ENVIRONMENTS

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After the successful utilization of virtual and hybrid classroom environments for Health and Safety Training (H&ST) of childcare providers during the declared COVID 19 pandemic, the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) has reinterpreted the definition of the HSC 1596.866 training environment terms “classes” and “home study”.

EMSA has determined the following interpretations are acceptable for the effective administration of H&ST courses:

1. “Workshops” or “Classes” are permitted environments and include any training environment with access to a live instructor. This includes both in-person and virtual (Zoom, Teams, etc.) training environments. Video recordings may be used by a live instructor, as supplemental training tools.
2. “Home study” continue to be prohibited. These include any self-paced training environment in which no live instructor is present at the time of learning, such as self-paced workbooks, independent review of slideshows or video recordings without an instructor present during the presentation.

Upon approval of submitted virtual or hybrid training materials and curriculum, EMSA-approved H&ST training courses may be taught in the following environments:

Preventive Health and Safety: Virtual, in-person, or a hybrid of the two environments.

First Aid & CPR: In-Person, or hybrid with virtual lecture and in-person skills practice and testing.

If you have additional questions, please contact Lucy Chaidez, Childcare Program Analyst, by phone at (916) 837-3504 or by email at ChildCare@emsa.ca.gov.