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### MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY TRAINING NETWORK PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS (ALL PROGRAMS)

SUBJECT: MTN Guidance for Training Sites: Challenge Option

1. This memorandum provides guidance to MTN Training Sites on use of the challenge option referenced in the 2012 American Heart Association (AHA) Program Administration Manual (PAM). Per AHA, "challenge" occurs when a student requests to complete course testing requirements without participating in an AHA classroom or online course.
2. MTN authorizes the challenge option for **BLS Healthcare Provider renewal only**. At this time, challenge testing is **not** authorized for MTN's ACLS and PALS Training Sites.
3. MTN BLS Program Directors may implement challenge testing for HCP Renewal at their training sites. Note these requirements from the PAM. Instructors must follow all course testing requirements as defined in the appropriate instructor Manual for the course testing requirements being challenged.
  - Students cannot challenge a course until 1 year after the release date of the corresponding product materials. The only exception is for an instructor updating his or her provider card if the instructor has completed the required 2010 Science Updates.
  - Students must show their current AHA course completion card before testing. An expired AHA course completion card is not acceptable.
  - Students must show the instructor that they have the appropriate and current course Student Manual.
  - All testing must be performed by an instructor who is current in the discipline of the AHA course being tested.
  - There is no option for practice or coaching.
  - The challenge testing must be done as a separate session and cannot be associated with a skills session from a classroom-based provider course or Part 3 of a blended-learning course.
  - The challenge testing must be performed with a 1:1 student-to-instructor ratio.
  - The testing session will be stopped at the first point the student fails.
  - No remediation is allowed within the challenge option. A student may not reattempt the challenge testing.
  - If the student fails the challenge testing, no card will be issued by the TC, and the student should be referred to a provider course.
  - A course roster must be completed for the challenge, regardless of whether the student passes or fails.
4. Due to the nature of challenge testing, only BLS TSF and very experienced Instructors will conduct the testing. No testing will be done without the BLS Program Director's prior approval. The Program Director is responsible for compliance with MTN/AHA guidance.
5. Notify your MTN BLS Program Manager if you plan to implement challenge testing at your BLS Training Site. Refer questions to MTN at (301) 295-0964, DSN 295-0964.

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