

Statement from Joint Commission Standards Interpretation Group:

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Subject: Re: Provison of Care

“Please confirm that Resuscitation Standard PC.9.30 (effective July 1, 2006)which requires that resuscitation training programs be evidence-based does NOT limit Joint Commission accredited health care organizations to training programs produced by the American Heart Association, Inc. or the American Red Cross. Thank you very much.

Hello Ralph, Current standard PC.02.01.11 EP 4 requires that an evidence-based training program is used to train staff to recognize the need for and use of resuscitation equipment and techniques. It does not limit organizations to only the Red Cross or American Heart Association, although those are two of the better known programs. The specific requirement is that the program chosen is evidence-based.

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