

# **2018-Guidance Regarding** **Medical Anti-Shock Trousers**

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## **Current Rule**

Texas Administrative Code 157.32 Emergency Medical Services Education Program and Course Approval

(i) Self-study requirements

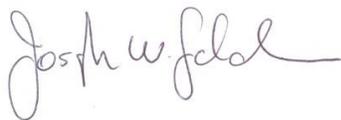
(2) All proposed and/or existing programs must provide a self-study at the basic (ECA and EMT) and/or advanced (AEMT and Paramedic) level. Programs that offer paramedic education may submit a copy of a self-study submitted to national accrediting organizations to meet this requirement. However, they must submit supplemental documentation to demonstrate substantial compliance with the EMS education standards of this section.

(A) Each applicant for an EMS Program must submit a self-study that contains the following items:

(vii) a description of equipment and supplies

## **Guidance**

It has been the policy of DSHS that all approved EMS Education Program and Course teach and equip each program with Medical Anti-Shock Trousers (MAST). This requirement is not specified in the above referenced rule and is not within the national EMS education standards therefore, it is not a required teaching or equipment component for approved EMS courses. The medical director for the EMS education program still has the right to require the education and usage of MAST.



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## **Guidance 2018-A**