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Dear American Heart Association Training Network:

As you know, 2010 marks the update of the official *American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC)*. It's hard to fathom, but almost immediately following the release of the 2005 Guidelines, the world's top experts in resuscitation and cardiovascular science began meeting to review current and new science in order to develop an international consensus on science and treatment recommendations for 2010.

As the momentum of the science review and consensus process builds, we begin to think about the implications of *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC* and subsequent updated training materials for our AHA Training Network. We understand that this process significantly impacts you and the customers you train, and we want to ensure that you have the information you need to continue to provide training and prepare for the release of new *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC*.

Below, we have provided a very preliminary timeline for the release of the *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC*, the roll-out of interim training information, and ultimately, the release of new training materials. Please consider this timeline as you begin to plan your Training Center's materials budget for 2010, 2011, and beyond.

Regarding pricing of materials, please know that we are making every effort to balance the rising cost of materials and production by implementing eco-friendly standards and looking at ways to increase efficiency. However, we generally advise that you plan for a slight increase in pricing.

It is critical to remember that throughout the process of releasing the *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC* and new products, the need for lifesaving CPR and ECC training will continue, and AHA Training Centers and Instructors must continue to provide courses to everyone that needs and wants this training. To meet the needs of your customers during the update process, current course materials will be available and should be used until new materials are released in 2011. Following the release of the *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC*, AHA Training will provide Training Centers and Instructors with interim guidance on how to integrate any new science changes in your courses, while still using those materials.

TENTATIVE Timeline – 2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC and 2011 Products Release*

****Please note:***

- 1. This timeline WILL change as we move into 2010.***
- 2. This timeline covers only core printed materials; we will provide information on the timeline for release of eLearning courses and translated materials at a later date.***
- 3. Unless otherwise noted and where applicable, all product releases will include student and instructor materials, exams (where required), and auxiliary materials.***

October 2010

- ♥ The American Heart Association will publish the official *2010 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care*. This document first will be published in the journal *Circulation*, then will be available as a reprint through the AHA distributors.
- ♥ A “Guidelines summary” publication will be published electronically and will be available free of charge on the [AHA Instructor Network](#) and/or the AHA web site at Americanheart.org/cpr

November – December 2010

- ♥ Interim training information provided to AHA Training Centers and Instructors on how to integrate changes in resuscitation science into specific, current ECC course materials

First Quarter 2011 (January – March)

- ♥ Release of AHA’s *Handbook of Emergency Care for Healthcare Providers*
- ♥ Release of AHA’s *Family & Friends® CPR* program materials

(March-April)

- ♥ Release of AHA’s *Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS HCP)* course materials

Second Quarter 2011 (April – June)

- ♥ Release of AHA’s *Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)* course materials
- ♥ Release of Heartsaver® course materials, including:
 - *Heartsaver First Aid With CPR & AED*
 - *Heartsaver First Aid*
 - *Heartsaver AED*
 - *Heartsaver CPR*

Third Quarter 2011 (July – September)

- ♥ Release of AHA’s *Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)* course materials

Fourth Quarter 2011 (October – December)

- ♥ Release of AHA’s *Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization (PEARS)* course materials

In the months leading up to the release of the *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC*, we will work diligently to keep you informed about any changes or updates to the above timeline. In the meantime, for more information on the *2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC* process, visit Americanheart.org/ilcor.

Sincerely,
American Heart Association ECC Programs