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Linda K. Van Velsan
Educational Consultant
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PADI AMERICAS
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Dear Ms. Van Velsan:

The PADI AMERICAS course submitted for approval has been reviewed by my staff. The course meets the course objectives of American Heart Association and requires at least the same number of hours for completion. This course must maintain changes in curriculum as they are made by the American Heart Association. The course submitted has been approved for a Public Access Defibrillator course.

The Department does not regulate the teaching of first aid courses. This course may be taught to the intended audience as long as it does not exceed the scope of practice for first aid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Beverly Mercer, R.N., of my staff at 217/785-2080.

Sincerely,

Leslee Stein-Spencer, R.N., M.S.
Chief, Division of Emergency Medical
Services and Highway Safety