Resolution 2001-02

National Association of State EMS Directors

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Elimination of Basic and Advanced Resuscitation Skills-Specific Credentialing for EMS Providers

Whereas the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Directors (NASEMSD) recognizes the need for all EMS providers to be proficient in adult and pediatric basic and advanced resuscitation skills appropriate to the level of state credentialing, and;

Whereas state EMS offices have the responsibility to assure and verify that resuscitation skills are learned initially and maintained on an ongoing basis by EMS providers, and;

Whereas NASEMSD recognizes that there are many different curricula available to achieve the integrated training necessary for EMS providers to become proficient in resuscitation knowledge and skills, and there is an increasing number of organizations providing curricula for basic and advanced resuscitation skills training, and;

Whereas there is a body of nationally recognized guidance on the provision of basic and advanced resuscitation, and;

Whereas state EMS offices historically have not required EMS providers to hold specialty credentialing for skills other than basic and advanced resuscitation skills, and;

Whereas organizations that have historically provided basic and advanced resuscitation skills training materials for nominal cost are now increasing their charges for these materials, and;

Whereas there is no evidence that use of any specific training
curricula improves the proficiency of EMS providers in providing basic and advanced resuscitation skills, and;

Whereas none of the organizations providing training curricula provide any "certification" or other form of credential that attests to the competency of the provider to perform basic and advanced resuscitations, now therefore;

Be it resolved that the National Association of State EMS Directors calls upon the National Registry of EMTs to eliminate any specific references to basic or advanced resuscitation credentialing in their application materials, and;

Be it further resolved that the National Association of State EMS Directors urges the National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators to consider the implications of individual states eliminating requirements for basic and advanced resuscitation skills credentialing beyond State licensure or certification.

Signed this 20\textsuperscript{th} day of October, 2001.

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