Implementation of the National EMS Education Agenda—A Systems Approach
September 23, 2009
Results

• **THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!**

• As of September 2, 2009
  – 121% overall response rate
    • 50 states (a few states answered twice)
    • 2 territories

• Minor variations to the results may occur when we extract duplicate answers
Key Assumptions

- The Education Standards and Instructor Guidelines relating to the EMS Scope of Practice Model are now available.
- The American Heart Association *Guidelines for CPR and ECC* are scheduled for revision late 2010 and likely will influence future EMS publications.
- Textbooks and other educational materials from publishers supporting the EMS Education Standards at the BLS levels are starting to emerge. ALS materials will likely not be available until sometime after January 2011.
Projected Dates Requested

- Conduct In-State Stakeholder Rollout
- Begin and end legislative changes
- Begin and end regulation changes
- Final FR Exam Administered
- Launch EMR Certification
- Final EMT-Basic Exam Administered
- Launch EMT Certification
- Final 1-85 Exam Administered
- Final I-99 Exam Administered
- Launch AEMT Certification
- Final EMT-P Exam Administered
- Launch Paramedic Certification
2. Is your state implementing the National EMS Scope of Practice “levels” as a foundation for state licensure?
3. When you adopt these levels, do you anticipate that your current testing process/procedure will change?

**State Anticipates Change in Testing Process/Procedure**

- Yes 25%
- Unsure of impact at this time 32%
- No plans to adopt national model 1%
- No 42%
4. What testing process are you currently using?
5. What testing process do you plan to use in the future?

State Testing Process

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State Exam | National Registry Exam | Combination of State/NREMT | Other (Vendor, Proprietary)
6. Do you plan to establish or retain a SOP level between EMT and paramedic for which the EMS Scope of Practice model is not the foundation?

Plan to Retain or Establish Level Between EMT and Paramedic

- Yes: 20% (N=12)
- No: 55% (N=33)
- Not determined at this time: 25% (N=15)
7. If you answered “Yes” to question 5, what testing process do you plan to use for practitioner levels for which the EMS Scope of Practice model is NOT the foundation?

### Testing for Retention or New State Level Not in SOP

- **31%**: State will create, validate, maintain own exam
- **62%**: State will likely contract with vendor/proprietary source
- **8%**: State will likely adopt another state's exam at that level

N=13 responses
8. Does your state currently require national accreditation...?

9. If you answered “No” to question 8, do you plan to require national accreditation for Paramedic programs in the future?

**Do/Will States Require EMS Program Accreditation?**

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10. If you do not currently require program accreditation and you plan to require program accreditation in the future, when do you expect this requirement to begin (i.e., policy in place, programs actively seeking accreditation)?

Plan for EMS Program Accreditation

- By the end of 2010: 7%
- By the end of 2011: 7%
- By the end of 2012: 57%
- By the end of 2013: 14%
- Beyond 2013: 14%
11. The biggest challenge our state will face in implementing National EMS Education Standards is: _____ (please select one.)

State's Biggest Challenge Implementing Ed Standards

- Political: 46%
- Economic: 37%
- Manpower: 17%
12. The biggest challenge our state will face in implementing National EMS Program Accreditation is: _____ (please select one.)

State's Biggest Challenge
EMS Program Accreditation

- Economic: 58%
- Political: 42%
- Manpower: 0%
13. The biggest challenge our state will face in implementing National EMS Certification is: _____ (please select one.)

- Political: 61%
- Economic: 27%
- Manpower: 12%

State's Biggest Challenge
National Certification
14. How would you like to receive information/support about Implementation of the EMS Education Agenda? (Please check ALL that apply.)

**Best Way to Communicate***

- Webinars: 80%
- Flyers/Newsletters: 70%
- Conferences: 60%
- State visit by NASEMSO: 50%

*Could select more than one*
15. Please check the following and use the space below to provide contact information for follow-up if you have specific questions related to:

Outstanding Questions

- Program Accreditation: 32%
- Educator/Transition Issues: 82%
- Leg/Reg or SOP: 20%

*Could select more than one
• Subjective
• Difficult to analyze
• 2009 estimates based on a range of unknowns
  – questionable value
• 11 respondents skipped the question
Cumulative 2009 Results—State Rollout
Cumulative 2009 Results—Legislative Changes
Cumulative 2009 Results - Regulation Changes

[Graph showing cumulative results with begin and end regulation changes marked with lines.]
Cumulative 2009 Results - FR to EMR

- Cumulative 2009 Results - FR to EMR
- Final FR Exam
- Launch EMR Cert
Cumulative 2009 Results--EMT

Final EMT-Basic Exam
Launch EMT Cert
Cumulative 2009 Results—Intermediate to AEMT

Graph showing cumulative results for Final I-85 Exam, Final I-99 Exam, and Launch AEMT Cert.
Cumulative 2009 Results -- Paramedic

Graph showing cumulative results from Not Applicable to Beyond.
The majority of states have expressed a level of commitment towards implementing the EMS Education Agenda.

Most have initiated an implementation process; several have had public stakeholder meetings.

There are multiple complexities that will take time and test our patience.
Takeaway Points

• NASEMSO remains committed to helping states resolve implementation issues.

• NASEMSO continues to work with national organizations as PARTNERS towards achieving a common goal.

• Everyone has a role in the implementation of the EMS Education Agenda-A Systems Approach!
National Association of State EMS Officials

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