State-of-the-State Accreditation Initiative Update

With CoAEMSP Executive Director Dr. George Hatch
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and NREMT Executive Director Bill Brown
History & Rationale

- NREMT
  Executive Director
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NREMT Rationale

1996 EMS Agenda for the Future
- Education Systems
- How To Get There – EMS education programs should seek accreditation by nationally recognized accrediting agency

- Component – National EMS Education Program Accreditation
  - Where we want to be – A single, nationally recognized accreditation agency will be created and will establish standards and guidelines for each level of EMS education
  - Board of Directors with representation from range of EMS organizations
Program Accreditation Effect on Paramedic Credentialing Examination Success Rate – PEC, Apr-Jun 2006

- 12,773 in sample
- Accredited programs outscore non-accredited program graduates in every demographic which can be measured.
- Graduates of accredited programs are twice as likely to pass the National EMS Certification Examination
2006 – Institute of Medicine Report – EMS at the Crossroads

- States should strengthen the EMS workforce by requiring national accreditation of Paramedic programs

2006 IoM “roll-outs”

- Attended by NREMT Board members - feedback
2007 June – NREMT Board of Directors identifies December 31, 2013 as implementation date for National Accreditation – Table motion – obtain feedback

2007 November – NREMT Board requires accreditation
2009 Knowledge, Attitudes and Barriers to National Accreditation

- 1112 in sample
- 34% inactive programs (349)

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<td>403 (55%)</td>
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Paramedic

- Only recognized Allied Health Occupation that does not require accreditation as an entry requirement for National Certification
- Credentialing does make a difference in a changing environment where government has a greater role in health care
States Using NREMT on Paramedic Level
Implementation

- Accredited or LOR for candidates who started Paramedic education after January 1, 2013
- Only two states needed extensions which were approved by NREMT – Grads from non-accredited programs will have access to the exam but those who pass will not be granted National EMS Certification
- States not adopting accreditation – Grads from accredited programs are eligible for National EMS Certification
Graduates from non-accredited programs are barred from National EMS Certification throughout their career.

States are delivering this message to students who enroll in non-accredited programs.

How many uninformed students will become victims of capital enterprise’s “buyer beware” warning?
Current Status of Accreditation

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Accredited Program Status

Paramedic Programs in the CoAEMSP/CAAHEP System as of 2.22.2013

- On Hold, 40
- CoAEMSP Letter of Review, 219
- CAAHEP Accredited, 342
Accredited Program Status

Accredited Programs & Programs Holding a Letter of Review

KEY
First number indicates total number of accredited programs.
Second number indicates total number of Letters of Review.
State Officials’ Position

- NASEMSO Executive Director
  Dia Gainor
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- National EMS Certification & National EMS Education Program Accreditation are components of the system for preparing qualified EMS personnel
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- A single National EMS Certification agency & a single National EMS Education Program Accreditation agency is called for by the EMS Education Agenda for the Future
EMS is one of the few licensed allied health care professions that does not currently require graduation from a nationally accredited education program.
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- Graduates from accredited programs perform better on the NREMT paramedic examinations
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- NASEMSO supported a national knowledge, attitudes, and barriers (KAB) survey
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- CAAHEP issues national accreditation to paramedic education programs &
- NREMT issues National EMS Certification
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- NREMT established 2013 as target date by which paramedics applying for National EMS Certification must have graduated from a nationally accredited education program
Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

NASEMSO supports January 1, 2013 as the beginning date for the NREMT to require graduation from a nationally accredited paramedic education program as a requirement for personnel to gain national EMS certification.

Resolution 2010-04
October 15, 2010
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