

CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards Interpretation

Standard I: Sponsorship

Standard II: Goals

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PROPOSED STANDARDS

- **Session to discuss plans and YOUR input**
- **Friday morning 10:40 – 12:50**

NOT this session

Program Objectives

Upon completion of this session the participant will

- Discuss interpretations of CAAHEP **SPONSORSHIP** Standards
- Discuss interpretations of CAAHEP **GOALS** Standards

CoAEMSP

- **415*** accredited paramedic programs
- **262*** programs hold LOR (Letter of Review)
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Standards & Guidelines

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Regular font: STANDARDS—must do

Italics font: GUIDELINES-suggestion

Right column: Interpretations

STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

- **I. Sponsorship**
- **II. Program Goals**
- **III. Resources**
- **IV. Student & Graduate Evaluation**
- **V. Fair Practices**

I. SPONSORSHIP

- **A. Sponsoring Institution**
- **B. Consortium Sponsor**
- **C. Responsibilities of Sponsor**

Sponsorship

- **Note: The CoAEMSP office (George and Bill) will evaluate this Standard BEFORE a site visit is scheduled**

Note to Programs

- **Lack of clear compliance with Sponsorship standard is a
DEAL BREAKER**

Sponsoring Institution

- **1. Post-secondary academic institution**
 - Accredited by institutional accrediting agency (recognized by USDE)
 - Authorized to provide post secondary program or to approve college credit (minimum of certificate)

Sponsoring Institution

- **2. A foreign post-secondary academic institution acceptable to CAAHEP**

Sponsoring Institution

- **3. Hospital, clinic or medical center accredited (accreditor recognized by DHHS)**
 - **Affiliated with an accredited post-secondary ed institution, or equivalent**
 - **OR affiliated with accredited graduate medical education program**

Sponsoring Institution

- **4. A branch of the US Armed Forces or other governmental educational or medical service**
 - **Affiliated with an accredited post secondary educational institution**
 - OR**
 - **affiliated with a national organization authorized to approve college credit**

Key issue

- **MUST** have a method to award

ACADEMIC CREDIT

- **ARTICULATION** agreement

An agreement between educational institution and training facility to award college credit

MOU, Transfer agreement, etc okay

Key issue

- **MUST maintain records permanently, insure program quality, insure fair practices**

Key issue

- **Fire Academy or EMS training agency**
 - Must be an **agency of federal, state, city or county govt**
 - Must be **authorized by the State** to provide initial education programs
 - Must have an articulation agreement with educational institution that can provide **college credit**
 - **OR** must be recognized by the state as a post secondary educational institution

CONSORTIUM SPONSOR

- **1. A consortium sponsor is an entity consisting of two or more members that exist for the purpose of a paramedic program. One member must be a sponsoring agency that meets the requirements just discussed (section A)**

Consortium Sponsor

- **2. Responsibilities of each member must be documented as a formal agreement.**

Key Issues

- Consortium members establish **governance that runs educational program**
- **Governance, roles of each member, and lines of authority must be clearly defined.**

A paramedic program is sponsored by the local hospital. The hospital is JCAOH accredited.

Does this adequately meet the Sponsorship standard?

A paramedic program is sponsored by a college continuing education department and does not offer college credit.

Does this adequately meet the Sponsorship standard?

A paramedic program is sponsored by Utopia Fire Department in their training academy.

Does this adequately meet the Sponsorship standard?

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Standard II. Program Goals

- **A. Program Goals & Outcomes**
- **B. Appropriateness of Goals & Learning Domains**
- **C. Minimum Expectations**

A. Program Goals & Outcomes

- **Must be a written statement of program's goals and learning domains**
- **Must be responsive to “communities of interest”**
- **Communities of interest include:**

students/grads	hospital reps
public	employers
faculty	police and fire
sponsor admin	gov't officials

Key issue

- All program goals must be **measurable**
- All program goals must be **evaluated annually**
- All program goals must be **reviewed by Advisory Committee annually**

B. Appropriateness of Goals

- **Program must regularly assess goals**
- **Advisory committee must review and revise and monitor needs and expectations**

Key issue

- **Advisory Committee**
 - **Must meet at least annually (minutes necessary)**
 - **Must review**
 - **Program Outcomes (annual report)**
 - **Minimum competency requirements (include team leads)**
 - **Resource assessment (annually)**
 - **Action plan**

Standard

- **Advisory Committee must include**
 - Hospital rep
 - Students/grads
 - Physicians
 - Faculty/sponsor admin
 - Employers
 - Police & fire
 - Key govt official
 - Public

Key issue

- **Advisory committee must include:**
 - Police & fire **if role in community**
 - Key gov't official can be
 - Elected official
 - Appointed public official
 - Individual involved in emergency mgmt
 - Other public official (**State EMS rep**)
 - Public member –not in EMS or employed by sponsor or other named representative (**consumer**)

Minimum Expectations

The program goal is to:

Prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive, psychomotor and affective learning domains.

Note to Site Visitors and Program Directors

- If the program truly subscribes to and embraces this goal, you would think it would be in the program syllabus, told to students, and “enforced”, i.e. if all domain goals are not achieved, the student would not graduate.**

The Prince George's Paramedic program has an advisory committee comprised of program faculty, program director, dean, 2 current students and 2 program graduates. They meet every 6 months.

Does this meet the standard for Goals?

A paramedic program has an advisory committee that meets annually but has not been able to have more than the program director, medical director and a fire chief attend.

Does this adequately meet the Goals standard?

QUESTIONS? ANSWERS?

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