

State-of-the-State Accreditation Initiative Update

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History & Rationale

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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

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- 2000- National EMS Education Agenda for the Future:
A Systems Approach
 - 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

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- 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

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- 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)

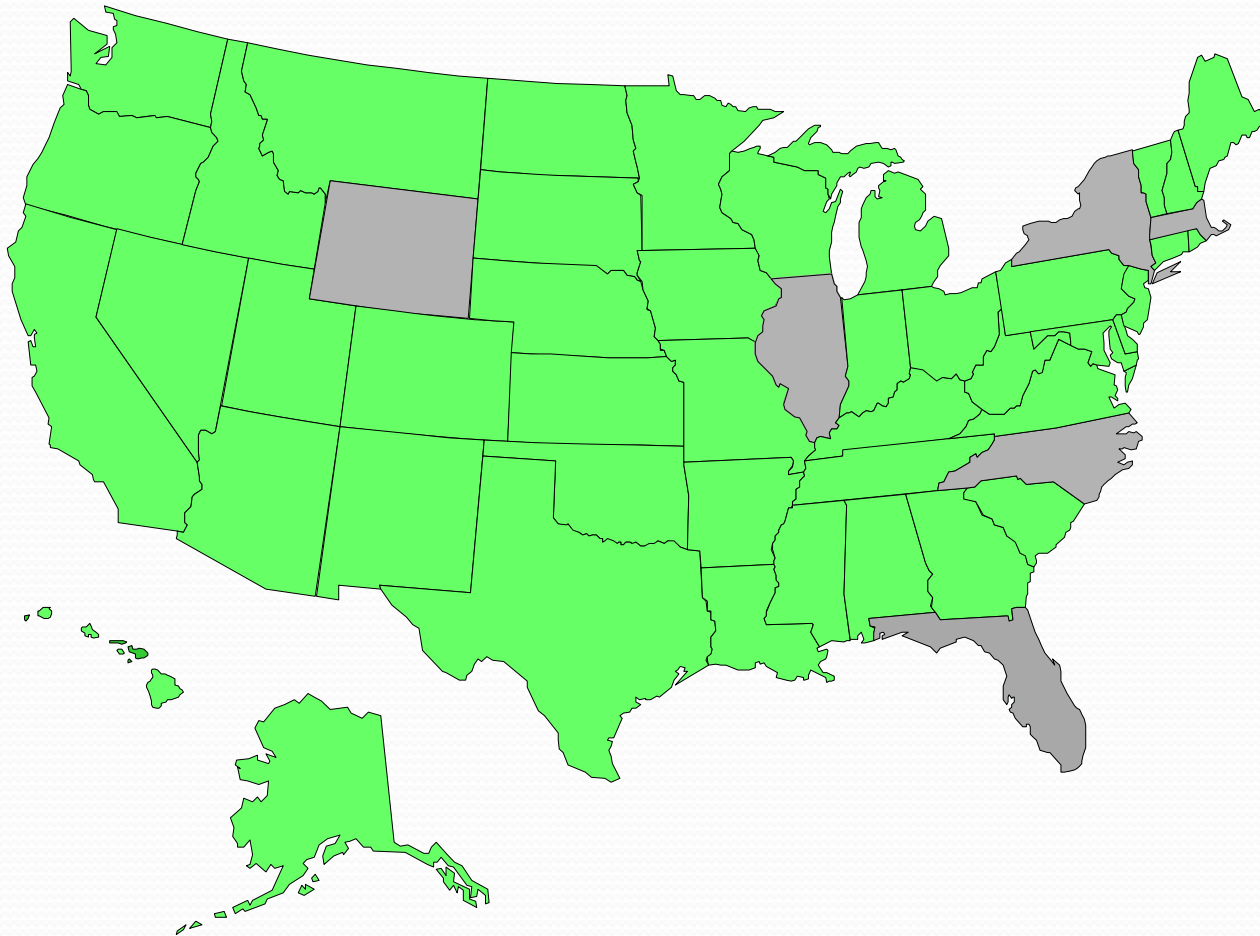
	Small (1-9)	Medium (10-19)	Large (20+)
Size	403 (55%)	174 (24%)	156 (21%)
Workforce	18.3%	24.2%	57.5%
Pass Rate (1 st)	55.5%	59%	65%



- 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





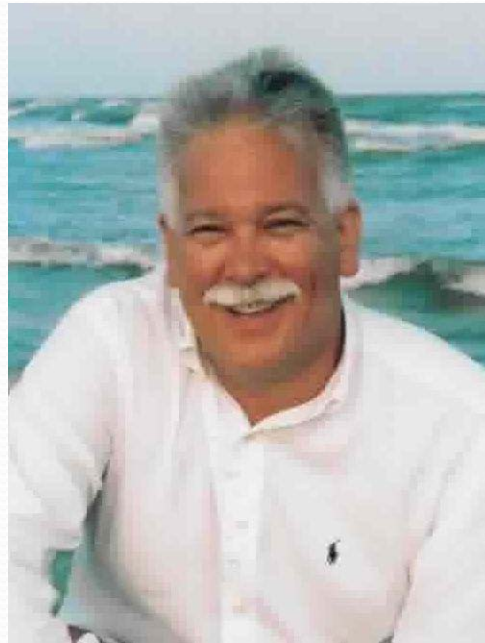
- Implementation

- 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

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- 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?

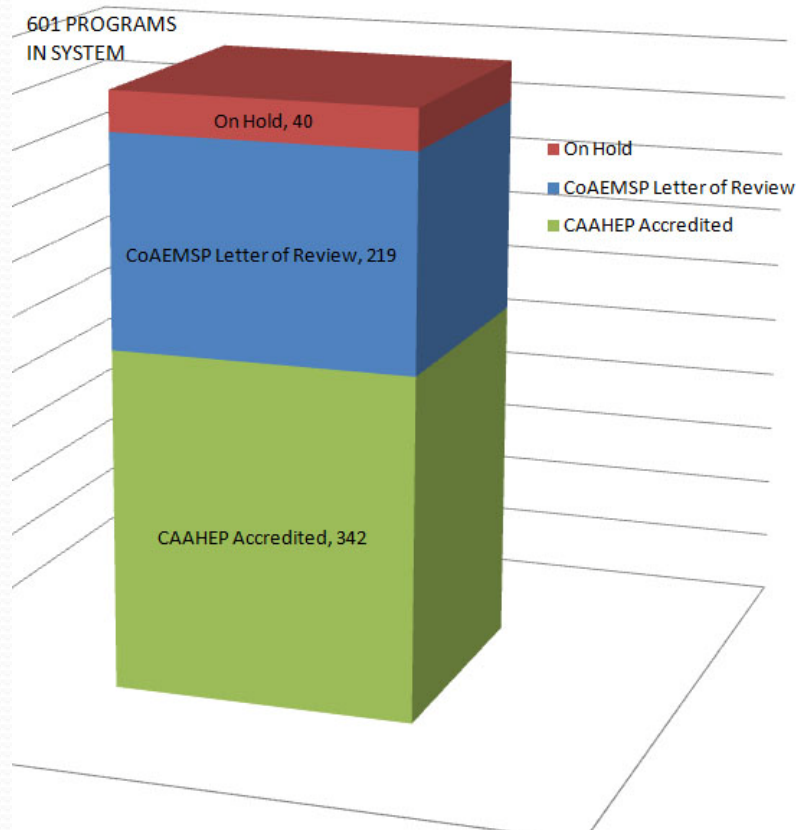
Current Status of Accreditation

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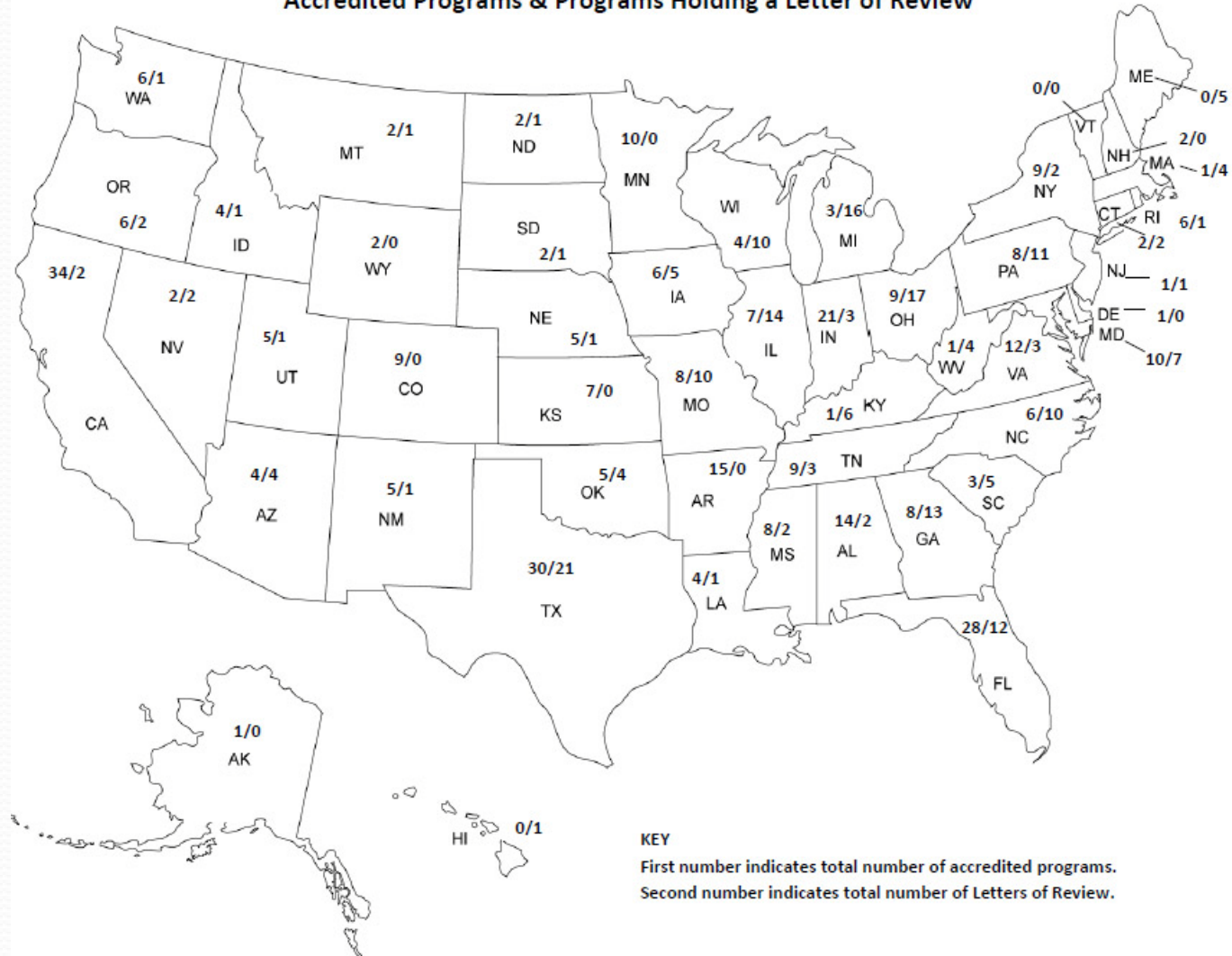
Accredited Program Status

**Paramedic Programs
in the CoAEMSP/CAAHEP System**
as of 2.22.2013



Accredited Program Status

Accredited Programs & Programs Holding a Letter of Review



State Officials' Position

- NASEMSO
Executive Director
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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

Resolution on National EMS Certification and Program Accreditation

- 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

Questions, Comments & Answers

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