



Committee on Accreditation
of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions

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TO: Sponsoring Organizations

FROM: Doug York, NREMT-P, PS, Chair, Board of Directors

RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – May 4, 2012

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met via teleconference on May 4, 2012. The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 64 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation, and progress reports.
2. **IAFF.** The Commissioners of CAAHEP official voted in the International Association of FireFighters during the CAAHEP Annual Meeting April 29-30. The IAFF is an official sponsor of the CoAEMSP, along with 13 other sponsors.
3. **Accreditation Workshops.** CoAEMSP will conduct an accreditation workshop in Pittsburgh on June 28-29 and in Orlando August 6-7.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Effective July 1, 2012, programs hosting a site visit for initial or continuing accreditation will be assessed a flat fee of \$2700. Currently, programs are invoiced for the actual expenses incurred by the site visitors, which range from \$1200 to \$4700. The flat fee will assist programs with budgeting. The policy states:

The program will be billed in advance \$2700 for site visits. This fee is to be paid with the ISSR or CSSR fee. (This fee includes travel, hotel, per diem, travel agency expenses, and billing costs for a two day, two person site visit.)

The CoAEMSP will pay for the costs of the site visit. The CoAEMSP will not bill the program unless the costs are more than \$500 more than the \$2700 (\$3200 total). If the total costs are greater than \$3200 then the program will be billed for any costs greater than \$3200.

There are certain exceptions:

1. If there needs to be additional site visitors, then the program will be billed an additional \$1,350 per site visitor.
 2. If the site visit needs to be longer than two days, an additional \$250 per site visitor will be billed.
 3. These exceptions will be billed up front.
4. **Letter of Review.** The CoAEMSP implemented the Letter of Review (LoR) process. The LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation in order for programs to meet the NREMT mandate. As of May 4, 58 programs hold the LoR.
 5. **Pediatric Task Force.** The Pediatric Task Force is collecting data on pediatric patient encounters by Paramedic students. Representatives of CoAEMSP, including: Doug York (NAEMT), Gordon Kokx (NAEMT), Thomas Brazelton (AAP), Debra Cason (NREMT), and George Hatch (CoAEMSP Executive Director) have either reviewed data collected by FIDAP (a clinical tracking program used by 750 Paramedic Programs) or the NREMT. The goal of the task force to

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provide a recommendation to programs for what the number of minimum encounters should be for each student with each of the pediatric age subgroups.

6. Next Meetings:

- a. August 3-4 Washington, DC
On August 2 the Governance and Quality Assurance Subcommittees will meet. Governance will begin at 9 a.m. and QA will begin at 2 p.m.

On August 3, a breakfast orientation will be held for new Board members. Three people are expected to join the Board in August (1 from NAEMSP and 2 from IAFF).

- b. November 2 via GoToMeeting
c. February 1-2, 2013 TBD
d. May 3 teleconference
e. August 2-3 TBD
f. November 1 teleconference

The CoAEMSP holds its quarterly Board meetings the first Friday or Friday/Saturday in February, May, August, and November.

The mission of the CoAEMSP, under the auspices of CAAHEP, is to continuously improve the quality of EMS education through accreditation and recognition services for the full range of EMS professions.

CAAHEP = Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. CAAHEP accredits Paramedic programs, as well as 22 more professions. www.caahep.org. CoAEMSP operates under the auspices of CAAHEP.

The 14 sponsors of CoAEMSP are:

1. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
2. American Ambulance Association (AAA)
3. American College of Cardiology (ACC)
4. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
5. American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP)
6. American College of Surgeons (ACS)
7. American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)
8. International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
9. International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
10. National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians (NAEMSP)
11. National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)
12. National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE)
13. National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO)
14. National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)