State-of-the-State Accreditation Initiative Update

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and NREMT Executive Director Bill Brown
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
• 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
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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<td>18.3%</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

- CAAHEP Accredited: 342
- CoAEMSP Letter of Review: 219
- On Hold: 40
- Total Programs in System: 601
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
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.
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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