Paramedic Program Accreditation

At the January 30, 2013 meeting of the State Emergency Medical Services Council (SEMSCO), a decision was made to discontinue the “requirement” that all Paramedic Programs receive for accreditation with Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs for the EMT-Paramedic.

Although the SEMSCO and the Bureau of EMS strongly encourage Paramedic Programs to become accredited, it is understood that some programs may not be able to complete the process. The concern is that may leave some areas of the state without Paramedic level training.

All Paramedic students who begin their education on or after January 1, 2013, and wish to obtain National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) National EMS Certification at the Paramedic level must successfully complete their Paramedic education at an accredited program or one that is seeking accreditation sponsored by the CAAHEP. If a student doesn’t, they will not be eligible to take the NREMT examinations to become certified by NREMT.

Due to this requirement of the NREMT, any NYS Paramedic Program that is not accredited or has not received a Letter of Intent from CAAHEP must advise all potential and current students that they will not be eligible for NREMT Certification. This notification must be located in all course announcements as well as the policies and procedures for the Paramedic Program that are received by all students.

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