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 in New York State must receive and maintain accreditation from a nationally recognized the accrediting body for allied health/EMS education programs.

Although the SEMSCO and the Bureau of EMS strongly encourage Paramedic Programs to become accredited, it is recognized that some programs may not be able to complete the process, due to financial constraints or local resource availability issues. 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. ***Students who do not complete their paramedic education at an accredited program 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 provided to all applicants and students.

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