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Re: National Education Standards

The WREMAC is committed to advancing the standard of EMS care in the region and improving access to higher levels of care. It is the intention of the WREMAC to align with the national standards of the EMS levels of care, including the regional advancement of the AEMT level and the promotion of the paramedic level. In order to facilitate this transition, the WREMAC recognizes that access to quality EMS education needs to be an ongoing priority.

After studying the issues and hearing from stakeholders, the WREMAC has determined it would be inappropriate to begin to transition out the EMT-CC level of care until regional AEMT protocols are adopted and the processes and resources are in place to provide sufficient AEMT/Paramedic education in the area. In the future, the WREMAC will create a timeline for the transition of current EMT-CC's to one of the nationally recognized levels of care and away from continued training of EMT-CC's once these processes are in place.

In order to meet these objectives, the WREMAC supports efforts to streamline opportunities for the transition of EMT-CC's to the paramedic level of care, the implementation of a positive educational agenda for the promotion of both AEMT and paramedic programs, increased access to paramedic training programs across the region, and emphasizes the importance of training new candidates to perform at the highest level of EMS care for our region.

The WREMAC has formed an ad hoc committee for the purpose of studying these issues further. The WREMAC requests that the regional councils and program agencies work collaboratively to support AEMT and paramedic education, and report back to the WREMAC on an ongoing basis regarding any potential obstacles or opportunities for the WREMAC to support its constituents in improving access to quality EMS education.