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TO: Emergency Medical Services Coordination Committee

FROM: Kurt E. Krause, Director
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RE: Paramedic Accreditation

As you know, much discussion has occurred regarding whether Michigan should adopt the National Education Standards as it relates to the requirement of accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) for paramedic education programs.

This letter is to inform you that Michigan will be joining with the majority of other states in requiring that all Paramedic EMS education programs in our state become accredited through CoAEMSP.

This decision comes after having been presented with the various perspectives, and only after a thorough analysis and careful consideration of the issue. The Department believes the move to require CoAEMSP accreditation for our paramedic education programs will ensure that Michigan remains consistent with present and future EMS educational standards.

I have directed Robin Shivley, Manager of the EMS and Trauma Systems Section, to work in support of our paramedic education programs as they begin the CoAEMSP accreditation process.

Please know that the Department appreciates the fact that the decision on whether to require or not require accreditation was evenly divided. Nevertheless, the Department is confident that its decision will greatly benefit our dedicated EMS professionals throughout the state, as well as the citizens that they serve. Thank you for all of the hard work that you do in support of emergency medical services.

cc: Robin Shivley