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TO: All EMS Personnel, Stakeholders, and Partners

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SUBJECT: Comparison of University of Iowa and Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic Curriculum

The Wisconsin EMS Section has completed its comparative analysis of the University of Iowa Critical Care Paramedic course as it relates to the State of Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) curriculum. There are six areas in the Wisconsin curriculum that are not addressed in the Iowa curriculum but we will only require further training on three of these areas in order to obtain Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic Endorsement. The three areas and corresponding hours of required training are as follows:

1. Obtain a minimum of two hours of training in the area of Ground Transport / Air Medical transport. The instructional points are found in chapter two of the Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic curriculum.
2. Obtain a minimum of two hours of training in the area of Gastro-intestinal as outlined in chapter 10 of the Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic curriculum.
3. Obtain a minimum of four hours of training in the area of Obstetrics / Gynecological emergencies as outlined in chapter 16 of the Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic curriculum.

The remaining areas that we believe are minor include;

Chapter 5 - Lab Interpretations. Specifically imaging, the reading of CT's, MRI's, etc.

Chapter 13 – Hematology. Specifically immunodeficiency disorders.

Chapter 15 – Trauma/Burns. Specifically the treatment of burn patients.

Since most of this is similar to the core paramedic curriculum we feel at this time they are minor considerations as we compare the two curricula.

Therefore, when a graduate of the Iowa Critical Care Paramedic applies for a WI CCP endorsement, proof of successful completion of the above mentioned additional training must be provided as well as documentation of current Iowa CCP. This training must be in accordance with the Wisconsin CCP curriculum and the certificate or letter must state that it meets or exceeds the WI CCP curriculum. This additional training may be obtained through your local service until December 31, 2011. After that date it must be obtained by an authorized WI CCP training center. It is our understanding that the Iowa curriculum is being revised and should the new curriculum include these items we will be happy to review and hopefully provide a 1:1 equivalent.