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TO: All EMS Personnel, Stakeholders, and Partners

FROM: Brian Litza, Chief
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SUBJECT: International Association of Flight Paramedics (IAFP) and Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic Curriculum

The Wisconsin EMS Section has completed its comparative analysis of the International Association of Flight Paramedics (IAFP) Critical Care Paramedic certification as it relates to the State of Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) curriculum.

The IAFP certification is a certification for flight and ground paramedics and is based on successful completion of their cognitive exam. There is no formal curriculum associated with IAFP certification rather it is based on individual knowledge. The format does not align with the Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic Curriculum and is not a suitable substitute for certification as a Wisconsin CCP.

IAFP offers a 16 hour, two day preparatory training prior to the candidate sitting for the exam which is significantly shorter than the Wisconsin CCP Curriculum. Therefore, the IAFP certification is not acceptable to obtain a WI CCP endorsement. The applicant will be advised that they will need to take the Wisconsin Critical Care Paramedic course or another approved course in order to become eligible for Wisconsin CCP endorsement.