

RECENTLY ISSUED NYS DOH EMS POLICY STATEMENTS

- 13-01 PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ACCREDITATION issued 2/1/13 - 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 receive for accreditation with Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs for the EMT-Paramedic. Although the SEMSCO and the Bureau of EMS strongly encourage Paramedic Programs to become accredited, it is understood that some programs may not be able to complete the process. 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.
- 13-02 RECOMMENDATION FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER (HSO) issued 2/14/13 – This policy was created by the Safety subcommittee of the NYS EMS Council. The subcommittee recommends that each agency establish the position of Health and Safety Officer (HSO) to develop, implement and maintain a system to address the potential health and safety hazards encountered by their EMS providers and patients. Additionally, it is suggested that agencies appoint a committee to support the HSO position. This policy is intended to improve EMS health and safety practices for the provider, the patient and the public as well as ensure regulatory compliance and to further promote a strong safety culture.
- 13-03 COURSE FUNDING – COURSE SPONSORS AND EMS AGENCIES issued 2/27/13 – Addresses educational reimbursement topics including student eligibility, special considerations, course sponsor requirements, financial penalties, reimbursement policies, course reimbursement rates and funding eligibility.