EMSRB Approves EMS Education Transition Recommendations

Minneapolis:

The Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (Board), at its February 18, 2016 meeting approved the following EMS Education Transition recommendations received from the Board’s EMS Education Transition Ad-hoc Work Group led by Work Group Chair EMSRB Board Member Lisa Consie:

1. Continued use of the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) cognitive and psychomotor examination process for Initial EMT, AEMT and Paramedic certification in Minnesota
2. Minnesota require the same Recertification requirements as the NREMT for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic – or proof of valid NREMT Certification
3. The EMSRB request the NREMT designate the State of Minnesota as a National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) state as of April 1. 2016 for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic
4. The EMSRB use the NCCP model for recertification regardless of whether the NREMT designates the State of Minnesota as a NCCP state after March 31, 2016
5. The EMSRB adopt the Mark King Initiative and adopt implementation to national certification by April 1 2036, at which time all EMS personnel (EMT, AEMT and Paramedic) in Minnesota must have and maintain national certification.
6. The EMSRB require, beginning April 1, 2016 and thereafter, all nationally certified EMS providers in Minnesota (EMT, AEMT and Paramedic) shall maintain national certification going forward.

The approval and adopting of these recommendations by the Board was a culmination of months of meeting and work by the Work Group, made up of EMS Educators, Ambulance Service Managers, Regional System Programs and other EMS stakeholders from all parts of the state. Leading up to the Board approval of these recommendations, the Work Group focused on informing the EMS community statewide about the recommendations through a video, a survey to EMS personnel and at numerous face-face meetings and attendance at EMS conferences.

One recommendation related to “National Continued Competency Requirements (NCCR) components being taught by Minnesota Approved Education Programs or educators’ approved by the Board” was tabled and will go back to the Work Group for further clarification. In addition, the Work Group has been tasked with evaluating the initial and refresher education requirements for the Emergency Medical Responder. The next meeting for the EMS Education Transition Work Group is scheduled for March 3, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. For further information about the Education Standards, please visit the EMSRB web-site at http://mn.gov/boards/emsrb/.