



**To: Iowa EMS Provider**

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**From: Bureau of EMS**

**RE: Iowa's EMS Transition**

In August of 2011 the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of EMS, based on recommendations from the Iowa EMS Advisory Council, will begin transitioning the current levels of First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Paramedic and Paramedic Specialist to the new levels of scope of practice. These new levels incorporate the nationally identified scope of practice levels of Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced EMT and Paramedic.

Emergency medical care providers at the First Responder, EMT-Basic and Paramedic Specialist will complete the transition during the regular renewal cycle. Providers at these levels can meet the transition requirements through previous training, continuing education courses or on the job training. Transition topics will be required as part of the individual's renewal requirements. Completion will be indicated at the time of renewal, the chart below includes dates for the completion of transition.

EMT-Intermediates may transition to the EMT or Advanced EMT levels. To transition to the AEMT level, individuals must complete specific education topics, verify skill competency through a local EMS training program and complete the National Registry of EMT computer-based examination. EMT-Intermediates who do not complete the transition by March 31, 2016 will be issued an EMT certification.

EMT-Paramedics may transition to the Advanced EMT or Paramedic levels. To transition to the Paramedic level, individuals must complete specific education topics and complete the National Registry of EMT computer-based examination. EMT-Paramedics who do not complete the transition by March 31, 2018 will be issued an AEMT certification.

Current Level	Transition Level	Date for Completion
First Responder	Emergency Medical Responder	September 30, 2013, 2014*
EMT-Basic	Emergency Medical Technician	March 31, 2014/2015*
EMT-Intermediate	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	March 31, 2016
EMT-Paramedic	Paramedic	March 31, 2018
Paramedic Specialist	Paramedic	March 31, 2014/2015*

\* Transition at time of certification renewal.

The Bureau will provide specific information concerning the transition requirements and process beginning in January of 2011. This is intended to allow time for providers, services and training programs to prepare before the August 1, 2011 start of the transition.