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WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs acknowledges that quality EMS education is best achieved through a systems approach wherein there are interconnected, interdependent components, with stakeholder engagement; and

WHEREAS, the National Registry supports peer reviewed external validation of best practices in EMS education; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the National Registry of EMTS required that candidates for Paramedic certification demonstrate successful completion of a CAAHEP-accredited Paramedic education program (or an education program that has been issued a CoAEMSP "Letter of Review") that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards for Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs recognizes the necessity and importance of quality education offered to all EMS students, which can be achieved through standardized approval and accreditation processes; and

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs recognizes that alternatives to delivering and independently ensuring quality EMS education exist and are worthy of exploration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to update the initial certification requirements criteria for Full Education Program Pathway for **all** levels to include successful completion of an EMS education program that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards and:

- has been awarded CAAHEP-accreditation, or
- has been issued a CoAEMSP "Letter of Review," or
- has received state EMS office approval.

Furthermore, the Executive Director is authorized to allow use of the paramedic examination for state licensure until this resolution is fully implemented to include development of a pathway leading to national certification for graduates of paramedic programs.