



**RESOLUTION 2008-03
Education Program Accreditation**

Whereas, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes that educational program accreditation is vital for the credibility of a profession; and

Whereas, NASEMSO recognizes that EMS lags behind other health professions in establishing universal education program accreditation; and

Whereas, each state has unique challenges in achieving universal educational program accreditation which will require a combination of negotiated, financial and other solutions to overcome; and

Whereas, the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) has established a target of 2013 by which paramedic education programs must be accredited, which may not be achievable given the challenges faced by states.

Now, **therefore be it resolved** that NASEMSO calls upon NREMT to join with NASEMSO to assist its member states in developing plans by November 1, 2010 to achieve paramedic education program accreditation; and

Be it further resolved that NASEMSO calls upon NREMT to collaborate with the Association in reviewing and implementing these plans requiring national accreditation of paramedic education programs.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2008.

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