



March 2, 2018

Thomas L. Williams, M.D.
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Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Dr. Williams,

The Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association, Children's Hospital & Medical Center, Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association, Nebraska Flight Association, Medics At Home, the Board of Emergency Medicine and the Office of Emergency Health Systems intends to submit a proposal for a new credential for the creation of a new license for Critical Care Paramedics under the Credentialing Review (407) Program.

Critical Care Paramedicine has developed over the past three decades to involve an expanded scope of practice for paramedics. Educational programs recognize that paramedics need additional preparation and ongoing education to prepare and maintain advanced critical care for patients during inter-facility transports and hospital based care, including performing advanced clinical patient assessments and providing invasive care beyond the standard scope of paramedic care. Specialists trained with demonstrated competency are essential to the quality delivery of critical care. Current paramedic education, based upon national educational standards and guidelines, does not include the necessary knowledge and skills to manage critical patients during inter-facility transport and hospital based care. The International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC), which provides examination for critical care paramedic certification, does not believe paramedics should work in a critical care environment without being certified. Critical care paramedic certification targets competency at the mastery level of paramedic practice coupled with demonstrated competency over the knowledge, skills and abilities contained within the critical care specialty.

The applicant group is asking for a waiver of the \$500.00 fee associated with the filing. The applicant group is composed of The Board of Emergency Medical Services and professional associations with limited funding and the Office of Emergency Health Systems.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael G. Miller".

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