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### WVOEMS Paramedic Recertification Proposal

In compliance with Legislative Rule 64 CSR48 9.1.b.2 WVOEMS Paramedic Recertification Proposal is hereby submitted for a thirty-day public comment period from August 21, 2017 through September 19, 2017.

The move to a four-year recertification has caused a gap in our education criteria that already has identified problems such as multiple approved recertification courses statewide. National Registry will be moving to the NCCP model which gives us an opportunity to improve our system and adjust to the four-year certification process with an intent to increase pass rates. A sub-committee of EMSAC was established to develop a program that would not cause undo hardships on providers, have a minimal impact financially to the squads, improve pass rates, and meet the requirements of MPCC. This product will meet all of the goals and cleans up the system into a neat package. It also adds flexibility to the provider in how and where they attend classes. This policy was approved by EMSAC and MPCC with zero (0) negative feedback from the EMS communities attending those meetings.

All comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM September 19, 2017 to:

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Please indicate WVOEMS Paramedic Recertification Proposal in the subject line.

9.1.b.2. Whenever any changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1 are proposed, a notice of the proposal will be electronically mailed to each EMS Agency and the full text of proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure, will be published on the OEMS website. Notice of the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1, is subject to a thirty (30) day public comment period prior to their being effective. However, the MPCC may waive the public comment period when it finds that exigent circumstances exist and that the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure must be implemented immediately to ensure patient safety.