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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** EMS System Coordinators  
EMS System Medical Directors

**FROM:** Ashley Thoele, MSN, MBA, RN  
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**DATE:** December 8, 2021

**RE:** National EMS Education Standards 2021

The new National EMS Education Standards were released November 2021. Illinois will be implementing these new standards beginning July 1, 2022 for inclusion of training programs beginning on September 2022.

In preparation for adoption of these new standards, I have asked Connie Mattera, Chair of the EMS Education subcommittee to have her committee work on outlining the objectives and updating Illinois's Scope of Practice document to reflect these new changes.

I am anticipating hosting a webinar in February and repeated in March outlining all the changes and expectations for training programs. In preparation for these new standards, please take the time to review the new National Education Standards document paying close attention to the Introduction section.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at [ashley.thoele@illinois.gov](mailto:ashley.thoele@illinois.gov).

Cc: IDPH Regional EMS Coordinators