



January 16, 2015

Mark Steadham, MBA
President
Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers
150 W. High Street
Morris, IL 60450

Dear President Steadham:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **January 15, 2015** to award **initial accreditation** to the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program at Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers, Morris, IL.

The recent peer review conducted by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoA EMSP) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The initial accreditation status will expire on **January 31, 2020**.

The CoA EMSP will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The following citations merit your institution's attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org, or call the office at 727-210-2350):

III.B.1.a. Resources - Program Director Responsibilities

The program director must be responsible for all aspects of the program, including, but not limited to:

1. the administration, organization, and supervision of the educational program

Rationale: Preceptor training program is in development and underway; however, not yet completed and no list of trained preceptors was found.

Post Site Visit Response: The program is in progress.

Submit a roster of all active field internship preceptors. Submit documentation of the dates of the preceptor training sessions (clinical and field internship), the rosters of those preceptors who successfully completed the training, and the percentage of all preceptors who have successfully completed the training. For clinical experiences, submit evaluation of the experience, but that evaluation must include at least an overall, not necessarily individual, evaluation of the preceptors.

For field internship experiences, submit evaluation of the experience, but that evaluation must include an evaluation of each active field internship preceptor.

III.C.2. Resources - Curriculum

The program must track the number of times each student successfully performs each of the competencies required for the appropriate exit point according to patient age, pathologies, complaint, gender, and interventions.

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Rationale: New minimum competencies have been set and are approved by the medical director; however, have not been approved by the Advisory Committee.

Post Site Visit Response: The program is in the process of obtaining advisory committee endorsement of the required minimum numbers and will send the Minutes of the meeting after that action has occurred.

Submit minutes of advisory committee meeting(s) demonstrating that it endorsed the minimum competencies that were approved by the medical director.

CAAHEP requests that a progress report, **using the progress report template provided**, be sent electronically to **karen@coaemsp.org** no later than **June 01, 2015** indicating the manner in which these citations have been resolved.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citations above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, CoA EMSP, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Ambulance Association (AAA), American College of Cardiology (ACC), American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP), American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), and the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the CoA EMSP Executive Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas K. Skalko".

Thomas K. Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS
President

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