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IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE INFORMATION

The EMS section would like to thank all that participated in the town hall meetings for the administrative rules especially the technical colleges for hosting the meetings. It was very valuable to our process and was a pleasure to get out and meet many of the dedicated EMTs and stakeholders. We were able to have informative and candid discussions regarding many issues related to the rules as well as Wisconsin EMS.

The purpose of this memo is to share some important information regarding the draft of the rules. We had many conversations regarding the need for quality assessment and assurance of WI EMS. As part of this discussion we shared that licensing fee revenue would be put toward quality assurance initiatives. The discussions with the stakeholders affirmed that we have these issues in our state but also that we really do need a significant funding source to support the system.

Many funding ideas were offered and many have great merit. Therefore, we have decided to pursue investigation of these options in more detail. ***The results will be that we are planning on removing the individual initial and renewal licensing fees from the current draft of the administrative rules.*** General fees and penalties will remain within the rule. It is our intent to pursue these other ideas and draft them into a separate rule when they have been fully explored and discussed with the EMS Board and stakeholders.

These are challenging times for all on many levels. We ask that you continue to be engaged with your profession and assist us in finding the needed infrastructure support. Please stay tuned for more information as we develop these ideas and please be ready to help when we begin to discuss these publically. We ask that you continue to support WI EMS and remember; it's about the patients.