

## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 1, 2004

To: ALL SAMIC Paramedics

From: Aamir Banday, MD, FACEP  
EMS Medical Director

Re: ACLS, PALS/PEPP, PHTLS/BTLS Certifications

CC: Mary Reis, RN, REMSC, IDPH

As many of you are aware it has been within our policy for some time that all system paramedics were to hold ACLS, PEPP or PALS, and PHTLS or BTLS certifications to participate in our system. We have not enforced this issue in the past since the programs were not always available in this area. With the introduction of PEPP and PHTLS in our area through not only our EMS system but through other entities as well, I feel now is the time that we begin enforcing this policy. In fact we have had to cancel some programs in the past due to lack of participants.

It is important in medicine today that we ensure the competence of our EMS providers especially at the advanced levels. Holding a paramedic license in itself does not ensure competence. One way to ensure that our providers are exposed to current medical practices and maintain proficiency is to stay current in these certifications.

Therefore, I am advising all system paramedics that you have one year from today's date, which is June 1, 2005, to be current with certifications in the before-mentioned programs. This will help to ensure quality care to our patients. If you have questions please contact Brian or Louie in the EMS office. Thank you for your participation in the SAMIC EMS System.