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Dear EMS community members;

On behalf of the group that has been developing the draft *National EMS Scope of Practice Model*, I am pleased to share our work to date with you. This project represents the next step in implementing the *EMS Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach*.

Like so many efforts in EMS, this product is a result of the efforts of a dedicated and committed team. As the content of this draft began to take shape, there were priorities to set and choices to make. There are reasonable alternatives to consider and, in the final analysis, we are seeking to identify the best approach for patients, EMS personnel, and EMS systems.

The purpose of this draft is to serve as a starting point for dialogue with EMS stakeholders. That dialogue represents a true opportunity for EMS personnel and organizations to shape the future of our profession. As you review this draft, we request that you share your comments, suggestions, and observations in an effort to refine and improve the document. The *National EMS Scope of Practice Model* will be most successful when it reflects the broadest possible consensus and understanding of the EMS community.

The detailed instructions for submitting comments are contained in the draft. We will be accepting comments through January 2005. After that time, edits to the document will be considered by a national review team. The final document is due to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Health Resources Services Administration by Fall 2005.

Thank you for your careful and considered review. This is an exciting effort that holds the promise of guiding our profession in the years to come. I am confident that we will look back on this project with pride in our collective efforts.

Sincerely,

Dan Manz, Principal Investigator