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## MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCG Executive Board, Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs (GACG),  
and Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs)

From: NWCG Chair *William Raage*

Date: March 25, 2010

Subject: *Interim NWCG Minimum Standards for Medical Units Managed By NWCG  
Member Agencies*

Attached you will find the subject document, which represents the culmination of literally years of effort to establish a set of minimum standards for the operation (scope of practice) of Medical Units working on incidents managed by NWCG member agencies.

These Standards have gone through an extensive period of review and comment; it was posted on the Incident Emergency Medical Task Group's (IEMTG) web site for several months in draft form. It was also submitted to the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) for review and comment. Substantive comments were received from NASEMSO and others, which were incorporated into this document. In the formulation of the document, the IEMTG also received assistance from their medical advisor, a practicing physician employed by the Indian Health Service.

The IEMTG intends to continue monitoring the content and applicability of this document as it is implemented and will accept feedback from all sources for incorporation into future revisions as necessary. The IEMTG views this important document as dynamic and will be an active caretaker of it. These interim standards will be in electronic format only; no hard copies will be printed or distributed via the Publication Management System. These standards can be found on the IMETG website at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/iemtg/policy-guides.html>.

Questions and feedback should be directed to a member of the IEMTG representing your agency or geographic area. <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/iemtg/roster.html>.

Attachment A: Interim NWCG Minimum Standards for Medical  
Units Managed by NWCG Member Agencies