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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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The State of California EMS Authority (EMSA) announces the approval of three (3) ONLINE NREMT Transition Courses:

1. Distance CME LLC <http://www.distancecme.com> – Paramedic & EMT transition
2. Code 3 CME LLC <http://www.code3cme.com> – Paramedic, AEMT & EMT transition
3. Fisdap – <http://fisdap.net> – Paramedic, AEMT & EMT transition

These transition courses are a requirement for continued registration with the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) as part of NREMT's commitment to fully implement their transition to the current National EMS Scope of Practice Model, National Education Standards, and Instructional Guidelines, which is also the goal of the EMS Authority.

In 2009, the national standards and instruction guidelines for EMS providers were updated by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Agency. These changes were made to ensure that the EMS providers are being trained and knowledgeable in current medical practices, thus ensuring continued quality care for the general public.

The updates also created a gap between the prior standards and what is being taught today, which is addressed through approved transition courses. The suggested curriculum for the transition courses relies heavily on the work produced by the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) in their gap analysis of the differences between the prior National Standard Curricula and the new National Education Standards. In coordination with various stakeholders, including EMS educators, local EMS agencies and other interested parties the EMS Authority created a guideline to ensure this gap in education was addressed. All approved transition courses are in compliance with these guidelines.

Local transition courses are also still available and are approved by the Local EMS Agencies. A list of programs that provide these courses and more detailed information can be found on the EMT page of EMSA's website: <http://www.emsa.ca.gov/EMT>.

Completion of a transition course is **not** necessary to maintain California EMT certification or paramedic licensure.