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TO: Oregon EMS Provider Agencies

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SUBJECT: 2003 Advanced Airway Management for EMT-Basics

Beginning November 1st, 2003 Advanced Airway Management for EMT-Basics is approved as an agency specific program. Agencies may choose to implement this program by completing the program requirements and registering with the State.

The program documents are available for download and printing off the State's EMS website at www.dhs.state.or.us/publichealth/ems. Printed copy is available upon request by contacting the EMS Office at 503-731-4011.

Please Note: At this time advance airway management training is only required of EMT-Basics who work/volunteer for an agency which has chosen to implement this program. However, **all** EMT-Basics who work for an agency implementing the program must be trained.

Director's Note:

Thank you for your indulgences and patience as we have attempted to sort through the educational, clinical, operational, bureaucratic and political quagmire related to the implementation of the Advanced Airway Management for EMT-Basics program. There continue to be issues related to interpretation and application of the Administrative Rules related to this program. Rather than further delay the implementation of the program the decision was made to move forward. This has been done recognizing that there may be the need to make changes to the Rules in the future. If changes are needed, the changes will not impact agencies that already have the program in place.