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Alberta College of Paramedics
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Re: Professional Responsibilities for Paramedicine Course

Attention: The Alberta College of Paramedics Council

The Alberta Paramedic Association (Association) is an elected representative society that provides a unified voice for paramedics within our professional practice. It is within our foundation that we believe paramedics have a right of "choice" and when necessary it is our duty to protect that right.

The Association is concerned that recent actions made by the Alberta College of Paramedics (Regulator), such as the exclusive endorsement and marketing of the *Narcan Module*, mandating the membership and payment of *Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC)* fees, and now the release of the continued competency *Professional Responsibilities for Paramedicine* are yet further violations of a paramedic's right of "choice".

In regards to the continued competency *Professional Responsibilities for Paramedicine*, we are seeking clarification with the following questions:

1. What criteria was used to determine that paramedics must be mandated to take this specific course?
2. What was the selection process in determining the education provider?
3. What was the cost incurred by the Alberta College of Paramedics to develop or select this course?
4. Is there any profit sharing and which organization(s) receive the profits from this course?
5. Were paramedics consulted in the development of this program, and what was their professional affiliations?

Without clarification, it is the view of the Association, that the Regulator may have abused legislative powers to manipulate a specific market valued at over 500,000 dollars by either directly or indirectly colluding, agreeing, or arranging with an individual school to restrict or prevent competition of an education course.

While it is the role of a regulator to determine appropriate education to achieve practice excellence and standards of care, it must equally be their responsibility to demonstrate a fair and transparent process when out-sourcing the delivery of continued competency. While the Association waits for your response, we encourage the Regulator to reconsider its position on delivering this mandatory competency module. We, the Association, encourage the Regulator to utilize a transparent process that guarantees opportunities for paramedics to receive fair market value for all mandated training.

We look forward to your response,



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