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To: New Jersey Certified Paramedics

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RE: Community Paramedicine Focus Group

The Department and Rutgers are developing a report of the feasibility of integrating the role of the Community Paramedic (sometimes referred to as Advanced Practice Paramedic) into New Jersey's existing EMS system. We are looking for veteran paramedics to participate in a focus group discussion on this topic.

For the purposes of our discussion we have adopted a standardized definition of community Paramedicine:

The Community Paramedicine Practice was developed to address the critical shortages of health care professionals and services in rural and remote areas. The Community Paramedic does not replace existing health care services, but fills the healthcare gaps revealed by examining each community. The Community Paramedic ensures basic and advanced levels of care appropriate to prevention, emergencies, evaluation, care, triage, disease management, mental health and referrals. The Community Paramedic receives standardized training—training that is consistent internationally—yet can be modified for each community, state and nation.

We ask that focus group participants:

- Be a current full-time employee of an MICU program in New Jersey
- Have at least ten (10) years of full-time MICU experience
- Not be a supervisor/manager at any level for any EMS organization

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 10:00am in the Trenton area. Participation is limited, participants will be chosen on a "best-fit" basis

If you would like to participate in this focus group, please contact:

Mike Mooney at michael.mooney@doh.state.nj.us, include with your message:

- Name
- MICP#
- MICU employer
- Years of full-time MICU experience
- Medical credentials other than MICP (RN, CRT, PA-C, etc.)
- Phone # (cell, in case we have to contact you the day of the meeting)