

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: October 20, 2022

From: Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services/Chief Medical Officer (CMO) (11)

Subj: Solicitation for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician Subject Matter Experts (VIEWS 08667437)

To: Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Directors (10N1-23)
VISN CMO (10N1-23)
Medical Center Directors (00)

1. As part of the VHA Modernization, Clinical Services, the Office of Specialty Care, and the National Emergency Medicine Office , has established an Emergency Ambulance Service (EAS) Integrated Project Team (IPT). Aligned with our High Reliability Organization principles aimed at reducing risk of harm, this IPT is focused on standardizing Hybrid Title 38 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic Transport Qualification Standards. This new development of qualification standards would involve converting the Title 5-0640 series occupation to Hybrid Title 38-covered occupations.
2. To accomplish this standardization, the National Emergency Medicine Office announces a call for nominations of supervisory and non-supervisory paramedics and EMTs to serve as subject matter experts (SME) to assist with this conversion process.
3. Nominees must have front-line supervisory approval and endorsement by their facility Director to participate. SMEs may serve for approximately 2 hours per week for up to 6 months and must have the ability to participate in conference calls. This work may involve a face-to-face meeting. The Office of Workforce Management and Consulting will reimburse the employee's facility for travel expenses.
4. Any employee may be considered for participation if they have current expertise and knowledge of the positions' requirements. Our goal is to have broad representation across Emergency Medicine, Veterans Transportation Service, Fire Service, and partner programs and services nationwide.

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5. We are requesting candidates submit their information at the following link:
https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/:x/s/VHAEmergencyMedicine/EVBS4WPg_JPn6kF6A0I4HgBIknn6-L5ZcZBWjdiLMC4dA?e=iUog3C by [2 weeks from VIEWS
publication].

6. Should you have any questions, please contact the VA EAS IPT at
VAEASIPT@va.gov. Thank you for your interest in this initiative.



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