The CAAHEP Accreditation Process for Paramedic Programs – *from Start to Finish*

Programs Seeking **INITIAL** Accreditation

PROGRAM initiates the accreditation process.

Programs Seeking **CONTINUING** Accreditation

CoAEMSP initiates accreditation process.

PROGRAM conducts a self study, which results in the **Self Study Report**

ISSR = Initial-Accreditation Self Study Report | CSSR = Continuing-Accreditation Self Study Report

PROGRAM submits the **ISSR** / **CSSR** to CoAEMSP

CoAEMSP reviews the **ISSR** / **CSSR** to determine it is complete.

If **complete**, the ISSR / CSSR is forwarded to a subject matter expert, known as the Self Study Reader.
If ***incomplete***, the **PROGRAM** is notified of the outstanding items.

CoAEMSP Self Study Reader reads the ISSR / CSSR and completes an **Executive Analysis [EA]**.

PROGRAM receives EA. Starts to make in-flight changes before CoAEMSP site visit team arrives.

CoAEMSP conducts **Site Visit**.

CoAEMSP sends Program the **Findings Letter**, providing the Program an opportunity to respond to the site visit

PROGRAM responds to the Findings Letter.

Group of 5-7 **CoAEMSP** Board Members reviews the Program's accreditation record and presents to full Board.

CoAEMSP Board reviews the Program's accreditation record and makes a recommendation to CAAHEP.

If the recommendation is adverse, **CoAEMSP** notifies the Program.
The **PROGRAM** has an opportunity to request reconsideration of the recommendation.

CAAHEP Board of Directors acts on CoAEMSP's accreditation recommendation.
The Program receives notification from CAAHEP.