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In our current EMS system, there are currently five levels of EMS provider licenses. It is our belief this vast range of provider services may be confusing to the citizens of our community. In an attempt to standardize the provider service levels and in anticipation of IDPH licensing classification restructuring, the PAEMS system will license agencies at the following levels:

FR-D
BLS-Meds
ILS
ALS

Due to minimal differences between the FR-D and BLS levels of service, the BLS level provider will be eliminated and the current BLS agencies will need to determine whether to change to FR-D or BLS-Meds. It should also be noted IDPH plans on eliminating the ILS provider level. Those ILS agencies currently in the PAEMS system should consider this planned change and initiate discussions with your agency administration regarding the future of your agency level of service.

Prior to 1/1/10, all BLS agencies will need to decide whether to receive the additional training to upgrade to BLS-Meds or to downgrade to FR-D. Those decisions will be fully supported by the PAEMS office and we will be happy to help you with this upcoming transition.

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