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Dear Dr. Stonebraker:

It has come to our attention there is some confusion concerning Joint Commission of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) accreditation and the use of American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) resuscitation curricula. We wish to help clear up this misunderstanding. Occasionally, individuals associated with healthcare organizations inaccurately assume that if they do not use the American Heart Association[®], Inc. resuscitation curricula they will endanger their JCAHO accreditation. In actuality, JCAHO's resuscitation standard (TX.8) requires only that effective resuscitation services are systematically available throughout the hospital. **JCAHO does not require, endorse, recognize or approve any specific training agencies resuscitation programs for the purposes of maintaining accreditation.**

Also, for your information, ASHI's programs have been independently accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) using a centralized review process similar to that of other health care professions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you require further assistance please contact us. Also you may wish to contact JCAHO at 630.792.5900 or www.jcaho.org.

Sincerely,

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