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To: All Connecticut Certified and Licensed EMS Organizations

From: Raphael M. Barishansky, M.P.H., M.S., CPM
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: Changes to Statute regarding sale or transfer of ownership interest or assets of a Primary Service Area Responder (PSAR)

Connecticut Public Act 14-217 creates additional requirements regarding the manner in which an assigned Primary Service Area Responder (PSAR) can sell or transfer its ownership interest or assets and the way such a sale or transfer will be communicated to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH). These changes were effective immediately upon passage.

Under the terms of this Act, the EMS organization currently assigned as a PSAR is responsible to provide notification to both the Department of Public Health and the chief elected official or executive officer of the municipality to which it is assigned not later than sixty days prior to the sale or transfer of more than fifty per cent of its ownership interest or assets. The entity that wishes to obtain ownership or control of the PSAR by way of a sale or transfer is required to apply to the Commissioner of Public Health for approval of such purchase or change in control.

The specific language of this Public Act is included below for your reference and the complete text can be found here: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00217-R00HB-05597-PA.htm>

Please feel free to contact your Regional EMS Coordinator with any questions about these new requirements. Individual contact information may be found by visiting www.ct.gov/dph/ems.



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“Sec. 21. (NEW) (Effective from passage) A primary service area responder, as defined in section 19a-175 of the general statutes, shall notify the Department of Public Health and the chief elected official or the chief executive officer of the municipality to which it is assigned not later than sixty days prior to the sale or transfer of more than fifty per cent of its ownership interest or assets. Any person who intends to obtain ownership or control of a primary service area responder in a sale or transfer for which notification is required under this section shall submit an application for approval of such purchase or change in control on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. The commissioner shall, in determining whether to grant approval of the sale or transfer, consider: (1) The applicant's performance history in the state or another state; and (2) the applicant's financial ability to perform the responsibilities of the primary service area responder in accordance with the local emergency medical services plan, established in accordance with section 19a-181b of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The commissioner shall approve or reject the application not later than forty-five calendar days after receipt of the application. The commissioner shall consult with any municipality or sponsor hospital in the primary service area, as such terms are defined in section 19a-175 of the general statutes, in making a determination on the application and may hold a hearing on the application.”