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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES *OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 16-08*

Date: June 14, 2016

To: All Connecticut certified and licensed EMS Organizations
All Connecticut EMS Sponsor Hospitals

From: Raffaella Coler RN, MEd., Paramedic 
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: Public Act 16-43 *AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS AND ACCESS TO OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS*

Public Act 16-43 Section 1 makes EMS-related changes to Connecticut General Statutes 17a-714 Addiction Services:

(e) **Not later than October 1, 2016**, each municipality shall amend its local emergency medical services plan, as described in section 19a-181b, to ensure that the emergency responder, including, but not limited to, emergency medical services personnel, as defined in section 20-206jj, or a resident state trooper, who is likely to be the first person to arrive on the scene of a medical emergency in the municipality is equipped with an opioid antagonist and such person has received training, approved by the Commissioner of Public Health, in the administration of opioid antagonists.

While we know the Local EMS Plans are the responsibility of the municipality, you as EMS providers are critical stakeholders in the development of these plans, and we wanted to communicate this new important information to you.

If you have questions regarding Local EMS Plans, please see the contact information below.

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