OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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To: All Connecticut certified & licensed EMS Organizations

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Re: State EMS Plan clarification

The purpose of this Communications Statement is to address confusion recently brought to the attention of the Office regarding the 2015-2020 State EMS Plan (“The Plan”). The Plan was developed as a vision for the future, and includes a section titled “Model EMS System”. This section comes directly from a guide developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for understanding what constitutes a coordinated and comprehensive emergency medical response system. In the “Model EMS System” section of The Plan, the NHTSA guide recommends a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance be staffed by two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

There has been concern communicated to the Office that this model concept was the intent and vision of future regulatory changes. The current Regulations of State Agencies Section 19a-179-10 Categorization of and staffing requirement for services require one EMR and one EMT as minimum staffing. This continues to be the regulatory requirement of all Basic Ambulance Services.

We appreciate feedback regarding The Plan and hope this provides the needed clarification.