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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES *OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 16-09*

Date: August 18, 2016
To: All Connecticut certified & licensed EMS Organizations
From: Raffaella Coler RN, MEd. 
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services
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.



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