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## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 20-10

Date: May 28, 2020

To: All Connecticut certified & licensed EMS organizations

All Connecticut Sponsor Hospitals

From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, EMSI, Paramedic

Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

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Medical Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: 2020 Connecticut EMS Minimum Equipment List

The purpose of this Communications Statement is to publish the 2020 Connecticut EMS Minimum Equipment List for EMS vehicles (attached). Consistent with past practice, 2020 changes are noted in red. Review was completed by the Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee (CEMSMAC), and the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board (CEMSAB). In accordance with C.G.S. Section 19a-177(13), EMS organizations have until 6/1/2021 to comply with these minimum equipment standards. For any vehicle inspections occurring prior to this deadline, EMS organizations must notify the OEMS inspector, in advance of their inspection, which equipment standard their vehicles will be adhering to for the inspection (the 2019 standard or 2020 standard).

Vehicles shall be inspected for compliance with all elements of the indicated standard. The 2020 Connecticut EMS Minimum Equipment List details the required minimum equipment to be provided at the scene of each EMS call to which it responds, by the specified level of EMS provider (in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies 19a-179-10 Categorization of and staffing requirement for services). All required equipment shall be present, appropriately clean and in working order. Substitutions for equipment may be made only with the prior written approval of OEMS.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional EMS coordinator.



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