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To: Emergency Medical Service Providers
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Subject: Office of Victim Services

The Connecticut Legislature passed [Public Act 22-47, An Act Concerning Children's Mental Health](#), which includes the following:

Sec. 63. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) On and after January 1, 2023, each police officer, as defined in section 46b-15 of the general statutes, and emergency medical technician, as defined in section 19a-904 of the general statutes, shall maintain, in any vehicle used by such officer or technician in the course of his or her duties, copies of documents concerning (1) behavioral and mental health evaluation and treatment resources available to children, developed pursuant to section 17a-22r of the general statutes for the mental health region in which such technician is located; and (2) services and resources available to victims of domestic violence, published pursuant to section 10-10g of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such officer or technician may provide a copy of such documents to any person or family of a person who such technician determines may benefit from the services or resources described in such documents.

Sec. 64... (a) Not later than December 1, [2019] 2022, and annually thereafter, the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department, in consultation with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, shall compile information concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic violence and provide such information electronically to the Department of Education, and electronically and in hard copies to (1) the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (2) each municipal police department, and (3) each ambulance company and



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organization, whether public, private or voluntary, that offers transportation or treatment services to patients under emergency conditions. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to, [(1)] (A) referrals available to counseling and supportive services, including, but not limited to, the Safe at Home program administered by the Office of the Secretary of the State, shelter services, medical services, domestic abuse hotlines, legal counseling and advocacy, mental health care and financial assistance, and [(2)] (B) procedures to voluntarily and confidentially identify eligibility for referrals to such counseling and supportive services.

The Office of Victim Services, a division of the Connecticut Judicial Department has produced the document **JDP-VS-52** available in pads of 25 copies for distribution to EMS and police vehicles. Agencies may order copies of this document by completing the order form (JD-ES-17 attached). Instructions regarding the form are on the top of the page. EMS agencies should only order JDP-VS-52, at the bottom of the order form. All other items are restricted to police departments.

The forms developed pursuant to Section 17a-22r can be found at the [CT Connecting to Care](#) webpage. Simply scroll down and click on the Region needed.

If you have additional questions, please contact your [EMS Regional Coordinator](#).

Thank you.