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To: All Connecticut Licensed/Certified EMS Organizations
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Re: Implementation of Ryan White Act Part G provisions for Emergency Response Employees (ERE)

It is important for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responders to understand the provisions of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (the Ryan White Act). Part G of the Ryan White Act pertains to the notification of emergency response employees (EREs) who may have been exposed to potentially life-threatening infectious diseases by victims of emergencies. Section 2695E, subsection (a) titled "Selection of Designated Officers" states:

SEC. 2695E. SELECTION OF DESIGNATED OFFICERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of receiving notifications and responses and making requests under this part on behalf of emergency response employees, the public health officer of each State shall designate 1 official or officer of each employer of emergency response employees in the State.

Effective immediately, the Commissioner is designating the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) listed on the most recent Certificate of Operation renewal application on file with the Department of Public Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services as the official Designated Ryan White Officer (Designated Officer). Please email your Regional Coordinator if you would like to request that the Commissioner designate someone other than the Chief Executive Officer. Contact information for the Regional Coordinators can be found by clicking [here](#).

For more information regarding the Ryan White Act, please visit the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ryanwhite/>

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