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Dear ALS Examination Coordinator;

I have been closely monitoring the recently imposed practice of NH Bureau of EMS staff verifying the credentials of out-of-state applicants for the National Registry of EMT's ALS practical exams that are conducted in NH. I have spoken several times to the leadership of the National Registry of EMT's, NHBEMS Education Section staff, and I have consulted with the Department of Safety's legal council. I have reached a decision regarding this practice.

As of today I am suspending indefinitely the NH Bureau of EMS staff's participation in the registration of out-of-state applicants for any National Registry ALS Practical Exam.

**There will be no change in the current process for registering ALS Practical Exam candidates who are residents of NH, or who have attended a NH-based training program.**

As I believe the language in Administrative Rule that prompted the imposition of this process is unclear, it is my intention to clarify the language to make it clear that out-of-state applicants to the ALS practical exams are not required to register with us. Until such a time as Administrative Rules are changed, I will be monitoring for any negative impact this has on NH EMS.

Please understand that it is of serious concern to the NH Bureau of EMS that any candidate who is testing in NH, who is a resident of NH, or an individual from another state whose ALS practical examination is related to a training program based in NH, MUST meet the all the requirements set forward in administrative rule. I believe the intent of the process we have been following is to assure the above.

However, I am changing the requirement to require ALS Examination Coordinators to submit a report to the NH Bureau of EMS *after the exam*, listing all individuals who participated in the exam, to include name, city and state, testing level (EMT-I 85, EMTI-99, AEMT, or Paramedic), and NREMT application identification number. This list shall be submitted to Karen Louis within 10 days after the exam, and may be submitted by email, fax or US Mail. It is our intention to audit a sample of these individuals to ensure the system does not allow individuals to slip through the cracks.

I look forward to your cooperation with this transition, as I think this will make your efforts easier and those of your out-of-state candidates, and I encourage you to contact myself or Eric Perry with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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