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January 14, 2019

Corey Sutor

Re: **Notice of Summary Suspension:
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification # 507664
Investigation Control # 2018-0145V**

Dear Mr. Sutor:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., which was enacted, in part, to ensure that all hospital and related health care services rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. As defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-2(b), health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by basic life support personnel. In addition, the Emergency Medical Services Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 et seq., authorizes the Department to certify Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). In furtherance of the objectives set forth in the statutes, the Department has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification and professional conduct of EMTs and EMT candidates. See N.J.A.C. 8:40A, EMTs: Training and Certification.

On December 17, 2018, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received notification that you were criminally charged with fraud. Consistent with regulatory authority and OEMS policy, OEMS opened an investigation in response to this notification.

Upon opening the investigation, the OEMS investigator confirmed that you are currently certified as an EMT. Further, the investigator discovered that you were charged with conspiracy to commit health care fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,

Sections 1347 and 1349. Specifically, it was alleged that you conspired to defraud the State of New Jersey's Health Benefit Plan (Plan) by submitting false insurance claims to the Plan for medically unnecessary compounded prescription medications and receiving payment in return. As a result of your actions, it was alleged that the State paid over two million dollars in fraudulent claims, with you receiving approximately \$150,000 in gross proceeds. The investigator further learned that you plead guilty to these charges on December 12, 2018 and that you will be sentenced in March of 2019.

As you are aware, EMTs work in unsupervised, two-person teams to respond effectively to emergencies. You should also be aware that neither member of the team works in a supervisory capacity. Rather, one team member drives the vehicle and the other is alone in the back of the ambulance providing emergency medical care to the patient. The provision of emergency care requires an EMT to have close, hands-on contact with vulnerable patients ranging from infants to senior citizens. Even more, EMTs are placed in a position of trust by the public, police officers, fire fighters, doctors and other professionals to be effective. In short, EMTs must be law-abiding and must be trusted to care for all patients in an appropriate, safe manner.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department has determined that your EMT certification must be **summarily suspended**. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.2(a), "the Commissioner, or his designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT and/or EMT Instructor certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare." Because you have plead guilty to serious crimes, the nature of which are indicative of poor judgment and lack of trustworthiness, the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT constitutes an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety, and welfare. **Therefore, your certification as an EMT is immediately suspended. You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of, or perform the duties of an EMT in New Jersey during this period of suspension.**

In the interim, OEMS will continue to investigate this matter and monitor the progression of your criminal case through the sentencing phase. After OEMS completes its investigation, you will be advised of what action(s), if any, OEMS will take with respect to your EMT certification.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:40A-7.1(f), certification cards are the property of the Department and shall be immediately surrendered upon demand. You are hereby directed to immediately surrender your EMT certification card(s) to the OEMS, either by sending via United States Postal Service First Class Mail, to the address on the first page of this Notice, or via physical delivery to Department of Health, OEMS, John Fitch Way, Market and Warren Streets, Trenton, NJ, 08611.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.3(a), you may appeal to the Commissioner of the Department of Health for emergency relief to contest this summary suspension. Your request for a hearing on this matter must be submitted in writing and must be

accompanied by a response to the charges contained herein. Please include the control number **2018-0145V** on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

New Jersey Department of Health
Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance
P.O. Box 360, Room 805
Trenton, NJ 08625-0360
Attn: Ms. Tami Roach

Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice shall be deemed an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your EMT certification pending completion of its investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Timothy Seplaki at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

Scot Phelps
Director,
Emergency Medical Services

SENT VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL AND
CERTIFIED MAIL #
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED