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CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: NOTIFICATION TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Ms. Scott:

I am legal counsel for the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Department). It has come to the attention of the Department that you may have provided emergency medical care and held yourself out to be a certified emergency medical care provider without being certified within the state of Iowa to do so. Specifically, the Department has received information that you have provided emergency medical care services for Douds First Responders and have held yourself out to the public as an EMT by wearing an EMS coat on emergency calls. You are not a certified EMS provider nor have you ever been certified within this state.

In accordance with Iowa law, a person may not function as an emergency medical care provider unless that person is currently certified by the Department to do so. See Iowa Code § 147A.11(1). Emergency medical care includes

- a. Administration of intravenous solutions.
- b. Intubation.
- c. Performance of cardiac defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion.
- d. Administration of emergency drugs as provided by rule by the department.
- e. Any other medical procedure approved by the department, by rule, as appropriate to be performed by emergency medical care providers who have been trained in that procedure. [see 641 Iowa Administrative Code 131.3(3)]

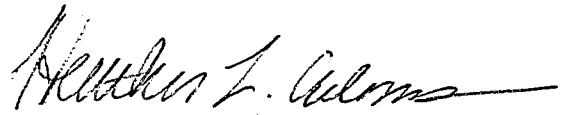
Iowa Code § 147A.1(3).

Iowa law also prohibits a person from claiming, indicating, or implying that the person is an emergency medical care provider if the person is not currently certified by the Department. See Iowa Code § 147A.11(1). A person who acts as an emergency medical care provider, or who claims, indicates, or implies that the person is certified without having obtained current certification from the Department, is guilty of a class "D" felony. See Iowa Code § 147A.11(1).

You are hereby advised that you must CEASE AND DESIST from practicing as an emergency medical care provider and from claiming, indicating, or implying that you are an emergency medical care provider. If the Department receives information that you have engaged in the unauthorized practice of emergency medical care after the date you receive this letter, the Department may request the Iowa Attorney General's Office to file a civil injunctive action against you or may refer your case to the appropriate County Attorney's Office for possible criminal prosecution.

If you have questions regarding this letter or your obligations pursuant to the above legal authority, I would strongly advise you to contact your attorney to seek advice regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather L. Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HEATHER L. ADAMS
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Joe Ferrell, Regulation Manager