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Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

IN THE MATTER OF: Houghton-Cedar FD/EMS Second Street PO Box 95 Houghton, Iowa 52631-0095 Service #: 9569200	Case Number: 15-11-12 NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION CITATION AND WARNING
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Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 17A.18, 147A.5 and Iowa Administrative Code (I.A.C.) 641—132.10(3), the Iowa Department of Public Health is proposing to issue a **Citation and Warning** to the service program identified above.

The Department may issue a citation and warning when a service program has committed any of the following acts or offenses:

Failure or repeated failure of the applicant or alleged violator to meet the requirements or standards established pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 147A or the rules adopted pursuant to that chapter.

IAC 641—132.10(3)f

Failure to correct a deficiency within the time frame required by the department.

IAC 641-132.10(3)i

Specifically:

An ambulance or nontransport service in this state that desires to provide emergency medical care, in the out-of-hospital setting, shall apply to the department for authorization to establish a program utilizing certified emergency medical care providers for delivery of care at the scene of an emergency or nonemergency, during transportation to a hospital, during transfer from one medical care facility to another or to a private home, or while in the hospital emergency department and until care is directly assumed by a physician or by authorized hospital personnel. Application for authorization shall be made on forms provided by the department. Applicants shall complete and submit the forms to the department at least 30 days prior to the anticipated date of authorization.

IAC 641—132.7(1)a

Service program operational requirements. Ambulance and nontransport service programs shall:

IAC 641—132.8(3)

Utilize department protocols as the standard of care. The service program medical director may make changes to the department protocols provided the changes are within

the EMS provider's scope of practice and within acceptable medical practice. A copy of the changes shall be filed with the department.

IAC 641—132.8(3)b

Ensure that personnel duties are consistent with the level of certification and the service program's level of authorization.

IAC 641—132.8(3)c

Maintain current personnel rosters and personnel files. The files shall include the names and addresses of all personnel and documentation that verifies EMS provider credentials including, but not limited to:

(1) Current provider level certification.

IAC 641—132.8(3)d

Implement a continuous quality improvement program that provides a policy to include as a minimum:

(2) Skills competency

IAC 641—132.8(3)m

Equipment and vehicle standards. The following standards shall apply:

IAC 641—132.8(4)

All EMS service programs shall carry equipment and supplies in quantities as determined by the medical director and appropriate to the service program's level of care and available certified EMS personnel and as established in the service program's approved protocols.

IAC 641—132.8(4)b

Pharmaceutical drugs and over-the-counter drugs may be carried and administered upon completion of training and pursuant to the service program's established protocols approved by the medical director.

IAC 641—132.8(4)c

Preventative maintenance. Each ambulance service program shall document a preventative maintenance program to make certain that:

IAC 641—132.8(5)

Soiled supplies shall be appropriately disposed of according to current biohazard practices.

IAC 641—132.8(5)i

The medical director or other qualified designees shall randomly audit (at least quarterly) documentation of calls where emergency medical care was provided. The medical director shall randomly review audits performed by the qualified appointee. The audit shall be in writing and shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Reviewing the patient care provided by service program personnel and remedying any deficiencies or potential deviancies that may be identified regarding medical knowledge or skill performance.*
- b. Response time and the time spent at the scene.*
- c. Overall EMS system response to ensure that the patient's needs were matched to available resources including, but not limited to, mutual aid and tiered response.*
- d. Completeness of documentation.*

IAC 641—132.9(4)

The following events have led to this action:

The Department performed an on-site inspection with the Houghton-Cedar FD/EMS on August 25, 2015. At the time of the inspection, deficiencies were identified and the service was given 30 days to resolve the deficiencies. The service failed to correct the deficiencies identified above within 30 days.

The service is hereby **CITED** for failing to correct service program deficiencies within 30 days. The service is hereby **WARNED** that failing to correct deficiencies or violating the Department's rules in the future may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of Respondent's service program authorization.

You have the right to request a hearing concerning this notice of disciplinary action. A request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to the Department by certified mail, return receipt requested, within twenty (20) days of receipt of this Notice of Proposed Action. The written request must be submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E 12th St, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. If the request is made within the twenty (20) day time limit, the proposed action is suspended pending the outcome of the hearing. Prior to or at the hearing, the Department may rescind the notice upon satisfaction that the reason for the action has been or will be removed.

If no request for a hearing is received within the twenty (20) day time period, the disciplinary action proposed herein shall become effective and shall be final agency action.



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Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services

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