

COPY

RESTRICTED DELIVERY CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

<p>IN THE MATTER OF:</p> <p>Plymouth Fire Department 314 College Street PO Box 48 Plymouth, Iowa 50464-0048</p> <p>Service #: 9178400</p>	<p>Case Number: 14-08-19</p> <p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION</p> <p>CITATION AND WARNING</p>
---	---

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:

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

*IAC 641—132.8(3)*

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

- (1) Medical audits*
- (2) Skills competency*
- (3) Follow-up (loop closure/resolution)*

*IAC 641—132.8(3)m*

*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)

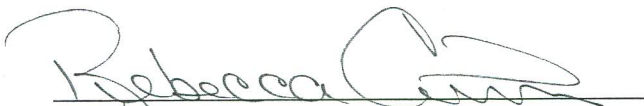
The following events have led to this action:

The Bureau of EMS performed an on-site inspection with Plymouth Fire Department on June 24, 2014. 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 Medical Services, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**



Rebecca Curtiss  
Bureau Chief  
Iowa Department of Public Health  
Center for Disaster Operations and Response

8/22/14  
Date

COPY