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Sarah Turner Hawkeye Community College 1501 East Orange Waterloo, IA 50704

CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: NOTIFICATION TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Ms. Turner:

I am legal counsel for the lowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Department). It has come to the attention of the Department that Hawkeye Community College ("Hawkeye") may have approved continuing education programs without being a currently authorized training program in the state of lowa. Specifically, Hawkeye's authorization as a training program became inactive on September 1, 2010, and the Department has received information that Hawkeye has continued to approve continuing education programs since that time.

In accordance with Iowa law, an EMS training program is required to be authorized by the Department to operate a training program within the state. <u>See</u> Iowa Code § 147A.1(12) (2009 Supp); 641 IAC 131.1. A training program must be authorized in order to approve continuing education courses for emergency medical care personnel. <u>See</u> 641 IAC 131.6(1). A program which indicates or implies that it is authorized without having obtained appropriate authorization is guilty of a class "D" felony. <u>See</u> Iowa Code § 147A.11(2).

Hawkeye is hereby advised that it must CEASE AND DESIST from operating as an approved training program and from claiming, indicating, or implying that it has obtained such authorization through the continued approval of continuing education courses. If the Department receives information that Hawkeye has operated as a training program or indicated or implied that it is operating as such after the date you receive this letter, the Department may request the lowa Attorney General's Office to file a civil injunctive action against

you and may refer the information 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,

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cc: Kirk Schmitt, Bureau Chief