## RESTRICTED DELIVERYCERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

## Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

IN THE MATTER OF

Case: 16-08-07

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

501 W Olesen Thu Street Graettinger, Iowa 51342-1032

Certification: AEMT-06-309-06

**PROBATION** 

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 17A.18 and 147A.7, and Iowa Administrative Code (I.A.C.) 641—131.7, the Iowa Department of Public Health is proposing to place the emergency medical care provider certification identified above on **PROBATION** for a period of one year from the effective date of this notice.

The Department may place an EMS provider on probation when it finds that the applicant or certificate holder has committed any of the following acts or offenses:

Knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in the practice of the profession or engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. Proof of actual injury need not be established.

Iowa Code Section 147A.7(1)f and IAC 641—131.7(3)f

Willful or repeated violations of Iowa Code Chapter 147A or these rules. Iowa Code Section 147A.7(1)i and IAC 641—131.7(3)s

Specifically:

An emergency medical care provider who holds an active certification issued by the department may:

a. Render via on-line medical direction, emergency and non-emergency medical care in those areas for which the emergency medical care provider is certified as part of an authorized service program.

IAC 641—131.3(1)

The following events have led to this notice:

You have provided on-site emergency medical care for a business that is not an authorized emergency medical service. While performing this function, you have worn clothing that identified you as an emergency medical care provider by displaying the Star-of-Life. The Star-of-Life is a registered trademark of the United States Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is reserved for use by individuals authorized by the state to provide emergency medical care.

The department has previously placed your emergency medical care provider certification on probation from February 11, 2014 through February 10, 2016. The following code violations were cited:

Fraud in procuring certification or renewal including, but not limited to:

(2) False representation of a material fact, whether by word or by conduct, by false or misleading allegations, or by concealment of that which should have been disclosed when making application for a certification in this state.

Iowa Code Section 147A.7(1)d and IAC 641—131.7(3)d

Professional incompetency. Professional incompetency includes, but is not limited to:

(3) A failure to exercise the degree of care which is ordinarily exercised by the average emergency medical care provider acting in the same or similar circumstances.

Iowa Code Section 147A.7(1)e and IAC 641—131.7(3)e

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The terms of your probation required that you obey all state statutes and rules governing the provisions of emergency medical services.

Your probation shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. You shall submit quarterly reports to the Department (filed no later than January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10) which shall include the following information:
  - i. The time period covered by the report
  - ii. Verification that you have complied with the terms of probation as specified in this Notice.
- b. You shall make a personal appearance before the Department upon request. You shall be given reasonable notice of the date, time, and place of appearance.
- c. You shall obey all federal, state, and local statutes and rules governing the provisions of emergency medical services.
- d. You shall notify any current or prospective employer, to include direct supervisors, service directors and medical directors, of the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed by this notice. Within fifteen days of this notice taking effect, or of undertaking new employment, your direct supervisor, service director and medical director shall report to the Department, in writing, acknowledging that the employer and medical director have read this document and understands it.
- e. You shall notify any EMS training program you enroll in for courses leading to certification or endorsement of the reasons for this probation. Within fifteen days of this notice taking effect, or entering an EMS training program, the training program director and medical director shall report to the bureau, in writing, acknowledging that the training program and medical director have read this document and understands it.
- f. You shall notify the bureau of any change in address within one week of said change.
- g. In the event you violate or fail to comply with any of the terms or provisions of your probation, the department may initiate appropriate action to revoke or suspend your certification or to impose other appropriate discipline.
- h. This Notice shall be part of the permanent record of the Department and shall be considered by the bureau in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of future violations.

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 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 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.

Bureau Chief

Iowa Department of Public Health

Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services

10/6/2016 Date