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MEMORANDUM

TO: EMS System Coordinators
EMS System Medical Directors

FROM: Ashley Thoele, MSN, MBA, RN *ant*
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DATE: January 11, 2022

RE: EMS Emergency Rules

The Department adopted emergency rules on Dec 27, 2021 in response to the many issues that have affected EMS due to the COVID -19 pandemic.

Below is the link to the Illinois Register – Rules of Governmental Agencies V46: EMS rules begin on page 527 of the pdf

https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/index/register/volume46/register_volume46_issue_2.pdf

These emergency rules amend the following Sections of the EMS rules and regulations:

- 515.315 Bypass or Resource Limitation Status: The changes to this rule reflects the following
 - Limited Bypass during a state declared emergency
 - Allow for Systems of care bypass to include STEMI and Stroke
- 515.330 EMS System Program Plan:
 - Contact information for Resource Hospital and System providers
 - Allow for EMS short patient care report form
 - Allows for transport to a licensed healthcare facility
 - Alternative staffing models for private ambulance providers
 - Update to data collection and evaluation methods
- 515.610 EMS, A-EMT and Paramedic Reciprocity: This change allows for immediate reciprocity for EMS personnel who hold a NREMT Certification
- 515.830 Ambulance Licensing Requirements: This change updates additional vehicle design other than triple K and also updates equipment requirements and medical supplies
- 515-2030, 2035, 2040, 2045 Trauma Center Rules: This expands the educational requirements for professional staff working in the emergency department to include TNS, TNCC or TCRN

- Appendix D Administrative, Legal and EWMS Protocols and Guidelines: This requires the EMS System to draft additional policies which reflect current practice.

Please review these rules which became effective on December 27, 2021 and will remain in place for a maximum of 150 days.

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