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EMERGENCY WAIVER

TO: All Licensed Ambulance Services
FROM: Mark J. Miller, Director
RE: Weather-Related Temporary Waiver for Staffing of Paramedic Ambulances
DATE: March 13, 2017

Due to the winter storm that is anticipated to affect the Commonwealth, and under the authority of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, under M.G.L. c. 111C, §22, certain provisions of the Emergency Medical Services System Regulations, 105 CMR 170.000, have been temporarily suspended through this waiver.

The purpose of this waiver is to facilitate continuity of paramedic-level EMS care and assure sufficient EMS personnel to staff paramedic ambulances, by suspending for the temporary waiver period certain conditions for paramedic ambulance staffing.

Term of the Suspension:

This order shall be effective:

From: 4 AM, Tuesday, March 14, 2017
To: 8 AM, Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Effective section: 105 CMR 170.305(C)(2) Staffing

In its place, for the duration of this temporary storm staffing waiver, 105 CMR 170.305(C)(2) shall read as follows:

When a Class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the Paramedic level of ALS, the ambulance must be staffed with a minimum of two EMTs, at least one of whom is certified at the Paramedic level.

Contact information

In the event that you may need further information or an update on this waiver, you may contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Duty Officer at 617-339-8351. You may also contact Mark Miller at Mark.J.Miller@state.ma.us.

Thank you.