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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Alaska EMS Certified Services

**Date:** December 24, 2009

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**Subject:** EMS emergency regulation change

On December 15, 2009, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services adopted an emergency regulations change to Title 7, Chapter 26 of the Alaska Administrative Code. This will provide existing certificate holders of certified services an **automatic extension to March 31, 2010.**

The emergency regulations affect only the certified service providers that expire on December 31, 2009. Certified service providers will operate off their current certification while waiting to receive a new certificate. These emergency regulations give added time for services to apply for certification, allowing continued uninterrupted service to your communities. We urge services that expire December 31, 2009 to apply well before the March 31, 2010 deadline, if you have not done so already.

The emergency regulations can be found at:

[http://notes5.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/0/79e94cfc131eea52892576900082830f/\\$FILE/airambulancefiledDec15mergreg.pdf](http://notes5.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/0/79e94cfc131eea52892576900082830f/$FILE/airambulancefiledDec15mergreg.pdf)

Below are some answers to questions you may have about the emergency regulations.

**Q. What services are affected?**

A. All EMS service providers with certification expiring December 31, 2009 are affected. Certified services expiring December 31, 2010 are not affected.

**Q. Will services not expiring be affected by this emergency regulation?**

A. No, only certified services expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**Q. How long is the extension?**

A. The extension is active through March 31, 2010.

**Q. Do certified services need to apply for an extension?**

A. No, the extension is automatic and only for certified services expiring December 31, 2009.

**Q. Will our billing be affected?**

A. Billing to Medicare/Medicaid and insurance will not be affected. It is recommended that certified services keep a copy of this memorandum and the emergency regulation with their current certification if questioned.

**Q. Will private provider's municipal licenses be affected?**

A. No, service providers remain certified and will be as long as they apply before March 31, 2010.

**Q. Will air medical services be affected?**

A. Air medical services remain certified and will be as long as they apply before March 31, 2010.

**Q. When did this emergency regulation go in to affect?**

A. The regulation took effect on December 15, 2009.

**Q. Will these regulations become permanent?**

A. The Alaska Department of Health & Social Services does not intend to make these regulations permanent.

**Q. Will the State be providing a renewal form to affected services?**

A. The state will not be mailing renewal forms this year unless requested by a certified service. You may find these forms online at: <http://www.chems.alaska.gov/EMS/downloads/forms.htm> or you can call Terry Olliff at 907-465-2262 for further information.