February 14, 2011

To: EMS Agencies
   EMS Personnel,
   Course Sponsors
   Regional EMS Councils

Re: Individual Certification Cards

Due to circumstances beyond the Bureau of Emergency Medical Service's (BEMS) control, we are unable to print individual certification cards on the specialized security paper as we have always done in the past.

Beginning with the January certification examination results we will be printing a temporary individual proof of certification until such time as we have the ability to print the certifications on the security paper. Once the paper arrives, we will re-issue ALL of the certificates and the detailed score reports on the security paper stock.

Attached to this letter you will find a sample of the temporary certification notification that will be generated by the Bureau. This temporary certification is valid for one year from the issue date on the certificate. Agencies and employers should accept this temporary certificate as a valid NYS BEMS issued certificate. Again, once we are able to print certifications on the security paper the Department will issue certificates along with the breakdown of the examination results as we have done in the past. All failure letters will be processed in the normal manner.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We are working on rectifying the issue as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Lee Burns
Acting Deputy Director
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
This letter will serve as your temporary certification card until such time as you receive your Department of Health official scores and certification card.

John Doe
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Valid for no more than 1 year from date of issue