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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Suspension of Ambulance Driving Privilege

TO: Ambulance Services

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This Information Bulletin replaces Information Bulletin #12, issued on March 24, 2004 regarding the suspension of a driver's license and the operation of an ambulance; Information Bulletin #18, issued on June 7, 2004 regarding the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program, and Information Bulletin #49, issued on October 31, 2007 regarding Suspension of Ambulance Driving Privilege for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.

1. **Conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs:** When an individual's driver's license has been suspended for a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the person is prohibited from driving an ambulance for a period of **four years** and must successfully repeat an emergency vehicle operator's course (EVOC) of instruction approved by the Department.

2. **Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs:** When an individual is placed into an ARD program for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the individual is not convicted of a crime. However, ARD does result in the suspension of the individual's driving privileges for the period of time mandated by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Title 75. The individual will not be permitted to drive an ambulance **for two years** from the date that the suspension started and must repeat an emergency vehicle operator's course (EVOC) of instruction approved by the Department before being permitted to drive an ambulance.

3. **Reckless Driving or other moving violations:** When an individual's driver's license has been suspended for reckless driving or other moving violations of the vehicle code, the person is prohibited from driving an ambulance for a period of **two years** and must

successfully repeat an emergency vehicle operator's course (EVOC) of instruction approved by the Department.

4. **Other driver's license suspension:** When an individual's driver's license has been suspended for other reasons not listed above, the Department will consider a request for an exception as provided by 28 Pa. Code §1001.4(a) through (f).

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