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Acting Commissioner

July 31, 2025

Antoni Simmons

Re: Notice of Summary Suspension
EMS ID # 590430
Investigation Control # 25-0367

Dear Mr. Simmons:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., which was enacted, in part, to ensure that all hospital and related health care services rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. As defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-2(b), N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 to 20, and N.J.S.A. 26:2K-35 to 38, health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS). In addition, the Emergency Medical Services Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 to 69, authorizes the Department to certify Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics. In furtherance of the aforementioned statutory objectives, the Department has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification, and professional conduct of EMTs, Paramedics, EMT and Paramedic candidates, and EMT Instructors. (See N.J.A.C. 8:40-1.1 et seq., 8:40A-1.1 et seq., 8:41-1.1 et seq., and 8:41A-1.1 et seq.)

On July 9, 2025, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received notification that you may have committed a crime. Consistent with OEMS regulatory authority and policy, the OEMS opened an investigation in response to this notification.

Upon opening the investigation, the OEMS investigator confirmed that you are currently certified by the OEMS as an EMT and have been certified as an EMT since August 25, 2011. Further, the investigator confirmed that you were charged with the following under Complaint No. 0805 S 2025 000334 in Franklin Township, New Jersey:

1. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3(a).

Specifically, it is alleged that you unlawfully took control of \$220.00 from the victim's purse while you were performing the duties of an EMT while working for Gloucester County EMS.

As you are aware, EMTs are required to perform critical medical evaluations and administer appropriate medical interventions in challenging field environments for patients young, and old, whether they are aggressive or composed. To ensure effective patient care, EMTs must exercise sound judgment and treat patients with dignity and respect, while also safeguarding their valuables. They are relied upon by the public to be present when needed. Therefore, EMTs must trust each other and be trusted by police officers, firefighters, doctors, and other professionals. In summary, EMTs must be law-abiding and must be trusted to care for all patients safely and appropriately.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department has determined that your EMT certification must be **summarily suspended**. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.2, "[t]he Commissioner, or his or her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Instructor certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare." The above alleged actions demonstrate poor judgment and a lack of trustworthiness and also pose a threat to vulnerable patients. The alleged actions are incompatible with the duties of an EMT, and the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT constitutes an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety, and welfare. **Therefore, your certification as an EMT is immediately suspended. You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of, or perform the duties of, an EMT in New Jersey during this period of suspension.**

In the interim, the OEMS will continue to investigate this matter. After OEMS completes its investigation and the charges against you have been resolved, you will be advised of what action, if any, the OEMS will take with respect to your EMT certification.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.3, you may appeal to the Commissioner of the Department of Health for emergency relief to contest this summary suspension. Your request for a hearing on this matter must be submitted in writing and must be accompanied by a response to the charges contained herein. Please include the control number **25-0367** on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

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Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance
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Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of this Notice shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your EMT certification pending completion of its investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. If you have any

questions concerning this matter, please contact Daniel Kazar at (609) 633-7777 or via email at Daniel.Kazar@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



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Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services

c: Daniel Kazar, Program Manager, OEMS
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