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July 27, 2026

Ifthekar Hussain
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**Re: Order to Cease and Desist Impersonating a Certified New Jersey Emergency Medical Technician
EMS ID: 614880
Investigation Control # 25-0730**

Dear Mr. Hussain:

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), health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by Basic Life Support (BLS). 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). In furtherance of the aforementioned statutory objectives, the Department adopted rules that govern the training, certification, and professional conduct of EMTs. See N.J.A.C. 8:40 and N.J.A.C. 8:40A.

The Department received notification on November 14, 2025, that you had interviewed with East Coast Medical Transportation for a vacancy that required certification as an EMT. During the interview, you presented a New Jersey EMT certification card reflecting an expiration date of June 30, 2026. East Coast Medical Transportation was unable to verify the certification's validity and subsequently contacted OEMS for assistance. The OEMS investigator then attempted to verify your certification in the NJEMS Certification System. This revealed that your actual certification was issued on January 27, 2015, and had expired on December 31, 2020. Based on the Department's policies and procedures, OEMS opened an investigation into the matter.

Upon opening the investigation, the OEMS investigators conducted a review of electronic patient care reports (ePCRs) from January 1, 2021, to the present. The review revealed that you signed over 150 ePCRs in the capacity of an EMT rendering care to the patients since your EMT certification had expired.

The OEMS investigators conducted an agency visit to Valley Medical Transportation on January 30, 2026, where it was believed you had been employed. During this visit, Valley Medical Transportation management reported that you were employed with their agency from approximately January 2025 through March 2025, during which time you functioned in the capacity of an EMT.

The OEMS conducted a second on-site visit to Valley Medical Transportation on March 27, 2026. During this visit, a written statement was obtained from the agency owner. In the written statement, the owner stated that EMT certification was a required condition of employment. Furthermore, the owner stated that you provided a certification card issued by the Department with an expiration date of June 30, 2026.

The OEMS investigators also conducted an on-site visit to East Coast Medical Transportation on March 27, 2026. During that visit, a written statement was obtained from a co-owner of the agency. The co-owner stated in a written submission that you interviewed with East Coast Medical Transportation on or around November 14, 2025, for an EMT position. The co-owner further indicated that you presented the agency with a certification card issued by the Department with an expiration date of June 30, 2026.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2K-40, N.J.S.A. 26:2K-42, and N.J.A.C. 8:40A-7.1 (a), an individual shall not act in the capacity of or portray themselves as an EMT-Basic unless certified by the Department. Based on its investigation, the Department finds that you are in violation of these statutes and the rule because you are not certified by the Department as an EMT, yet you were acting in the capacity of an EMT and referring to yourself as one. Thus, the Department finds that you were impersonating an EMT in the State of New Jersey.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department hereby **orders you, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a)(1), to immediately CEASE AND DESIST** from making any further representations that you are a certified New Jersey EMT. You are further prohibited from acting in the capacity of an EMT. Additionally, you are hereby ordered to immediately surrender any and all invalid and/or fraudulent certification credentials. Failure to abide by this order to cease and desist may result in additional fines and penalties as provided for in N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a)(2).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a)(1), this decision is a final agency action. You may, however, seek judicial review of this decision by filing an appeal with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. Pursuant to New Jersey Court Rules 2:2-3 and 2:4-1, you may appeal the final agency decision within 45 days to:

New Jersey Superior Court – Appellate Division
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
P.O. Box 006
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Investigator Zachary Raab at (609) 633-7777 or via email at Zachary.Raab@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,


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