

December 22, 1999

Mr. Robert Sklar, President
Regional Medical Transport
241 Philmont Avenue
Trevose, PA 19053-6404

**Re: ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST OPERATION OF UNLICENSED
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Dear Mr. Sklar:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40-2.4(a), no person, institution, agency or business concern shall provide mobility assistance vehicle or ambulance services within the State of New Jersey until a license to operate has been issued by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

On December 22, 1999 (at approximately 5:50 a.m.) staff of this Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) conducted an unannounced inspection of Mutual Aid Emergency Services' ambulance #102-4 (New Jersey license plate #NF17331), which was parked at Gambro Dialysis, 668 Main Street in Lumberton, New Jersey. As you are aware, Mutual Aid Emergency Services was granted temporary licensure status (i.e., 45 days) for vehicle #102-4 by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services on October 15, 1999.

OEMS staff asked to see the vehicle's Department of Motor Vehicles registration and proof of insurance, at which point OEMS staff became aware that Regional Medical Transport, not Mutual Aid Emergency Services, is listed as the registrant with both the DMV and the insurance company.

In addition, although the vehicle markings indicated that the vehicle was operated by Mutual Aid Emergency Services, OEMS staff took note of the fact that the uniforms worn by the vehicle staff identified them as Regional Medical Transport (RMT) personnel. OEMS staff then asked to review the Call Report for that particular transport which, in fact, was prepared on RMT's letterhead. As you may be aware, the wearing of RMT uniforms and the preparation of a Call Report on RMT letterhead constitutes the operation of an ambulance service by RMT. As you are also fully aware, RMT's application for licensure as an ambulance service was denied on March 23, 1999 and, as such, RMT is not licensed to operate within the State of New Jersey.

In light of the above information, Regional Medical Transport is hereby ORDERED to immediately CEASE AND DESIST operations as an ambulance service within the State of New Jersey. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-16, failure to comply with this Order may result in an action by this Department for injunctive relief in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Finally, please be advised that this Order constitutes a final agency decision. As such, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rule 2:23, should Regional Medical Transport

choose to contest this decision, its right to appeal rests with the Superior Court of New Jersey,
Appellate Division.

Your full cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Gerard C. Muench, Jr., MPA, MICP
Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services

c: Mr. Barry Bruner,
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Ms. Saunders, OEMS

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

- AND -

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On June 11, 1999, staff of the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received a call from a representative of Rusling EMS & Rescue Squad. Indicating that vehicle #113-1 had been stolen the previous evening. As a result of that call. vehicle #113-1 was placed on "Out of Service" status.

On June 30, 1999 (at approximately 12: 37 p.m.) Staff of the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) conducted an unannounced inspection of Rusling EMS & Rescue Squad's ambulance #113-1 (New Jersey license plate #NF1629), which was parked at HFMC Dialysis in Trenton, New Jersey. Since OEMS staff was aware that Rusling EMS & Rescue Squad had reported vehicle n 113-1 as stolen, staff asked to see the vehicle registration and proof of insurance. Both of these documents indicated that the vehicle belonged to Rusling EMS & Rescue Squad.

OEMS staff took note of the fact, however, that the uniforms worn by the vehicle staff identified them as Regional Medical Transport (RMT) personnel. OEMS staff then asked to review the Call Report for that particular transport which, in fact, was prepared on RMT'S Letterhead. OEMS staff advised RMT's personnel that their actions (i.e., the wearing of RMT uniforms and the preparation of a Call Report on RMT letterhead) constituted the operation of an ambulance service by RMT.

Knowing full well that RMT was not licensed to operate in New Jersey (its Application for licensure as an ambulance service having been denied on March 23, 1999). OEMS staff advised RMT personnel that RMT'S operation of an unlicensed ambulance service in New Jersey was illegal. OEMS staff then proceeded to place "Out of service" stickers in the windows of the vehicle, indicating that the vehicle was not to be utilized until such time as OEMS staff removed the stickers. In addition, OEMS staff provided the vehicle staff with a copy of the "Field Spot Check" report (copy attached) indicating that RMT did not possess the required provider and vehicle licenses necessary for operation as an ambulance service in New Jersey.

In light of the above information, Regional Medical Transport is hereby ORDERED to immediately CEASE AND DESIST operations as an ambulance service within the State of New Jersey. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H -16, failure to comply with this Order may result in an action by this Department for injunctive relief in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Finally, please be advised that this Order constitutes a final agency decision. As such, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rule 2:23, should Regional Medical Transport choose to contest this decision, its right to appeal rests with the Superior Court of New Jersey. Appellate Division.

Your full cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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