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To: Maine EMS Board

From: Darren Davis, Maine EMS

Subject: Rules Waiver Request for Change of Agency Name

Statement of Issue:

Fire departments throughout Maine are migrating from the former National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) standard to a new standard, the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). The transition is expected to begin in December 2025 and continue for several months.

We have identified an issue that we would ask the Board to review and grant a waiver for.

There are approximately 30 licensed EMS agencies that are governmental agencies that are licensed as agencies separate from their local government's Fire Department despite functioning as a single agency. Within MEFIRS, both the Fire Department and the EMS Agency are defined and managed as separate entities.

We ask that the Board grant agencies such as these a waiver to allow for the change of the Agency Name to reflect that they are, in fact, the same organization. Such a waiver would remove the requirement for a licensure application and public notification. It would allow for the agencies to be merged into a single agency in MEFIRS. This would also remove the redundant information management the agency must perform to manage units and staff in two separate agencies. Lastly, it would also benefit the agency with documentation efforts with MEFIRS' ability to create Fire and EMS calls from each other.

The waiver should be limited to only those organizations where:

- a. The organizations merging should currently be under the same ownership with no change in ownership for the agencies being merged, and
- b. The merge of the agencies will not result in a net change in service areas.
- c. The merge of the agencies will not result in a reduction of the agencies licensure level
- d. The merge of the agencies will not result in a reduction of the agencies permit level, if the agency has a permit to operate at a level other than licensed

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Applicable Rules:**CHAPTER 3 - GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE AND NON-TRANSPORTING
SERVICE LICENSES****§5. Licensing Standards**

1. An application will not be accepted as complete unless it includes all materials required to be evaluated for licensure. To obtain a new license, a service applicant must:
 - A. Apply on forms available from Maine EMS.
 - B. Submit a fee of \$100.00
 - C. Demonstrate to Maine EMS that:
 1. The applicant has placed a notice, approved by Maine EMS, in the most widely circulated newspaper(s) serving the proposed 9-1-1 Primary Response Area, unless the applicant is applying for licensure without a 9-1-1 Primary Response Area for interfacility transport operations only. The notice must state:
 1. The name and legal status of the entity making application;
 2. The name of the proposed service;

Thank you for your consideration

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