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Date: November 21, 2025
To: Maine EMS Board
From: Darren Davis, Maine EMS
Subject: Rules Waiver Request for Change of Agency Location(s)

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 172 licensed EMS agencies that are governmental agencies that are licensed as and EMS agencies and also provide fire protection services. (there are another 30 licensed EMS agencies that are governmental that offer only EMS service but may be, in reality, integrated with their local fire agency.)

These agencies are busy configuring their agency locations to meet NERIS requirements and deadlines for implementation.

In some instances these changes may involve licensing factors. We ask that the Board grant EMS agencies that also provide fire protection services the ability to change the attributes of their base/station locations, including;

- Agency Location Number (Station Number)
- Agency Location Name (Station Name)
- Agency Location Type
- Primary Contact
- Zone/District
- Address Information
- Mailing Address Information
- Telephone Numbers

The waiver should be limited to only those organizations where:

- a. The organizations must provide both emergency medical services and fire protections services, and
- b. The physical location of a location is not changed.

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- c. Station locations that had been providing EMS services continue to provide EMS services
- d. New stations are not added from which EMS services are provided

Applicable Rules:

CHAPTER 3 - GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE AND NON-TRANSPORTING SERVICE LICENSES

§3. Licensing Standards

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- 2. **License Factors** - A ground ambulance service license or a non-transporting service license is issued for a specific:

... {1-6 omitted}

- 7. **Base Location.**

- A. A service must be separately licensed for each base location from which it operates, except that a service may apply for a single license to operate from multiple locations provided it has a Service-Level Medical Director and a single Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement program that is approved by the Board and the State Medical Director.

3. Change in License Factors.

- 1. A service must apply for and receive a new license in order to change one or more licensing factors. However, a service may apply for a new permit level, or the removal of a 9-1-1 Primary Response Area, on a renewal application form.

Thank you for your consideration

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