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(Via E-Mail and Certified US Mail)

Angelo Bristol
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RE: Reprimand of Angelo Bristol #70112054

Dear Mr. Bristol:

The Department of Health Services (Department), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section, hereby reprimands you, Angelo Bristol, License #70112054 for performing emergency medical care outside the Wisconsin scope of practice for the practice level at which you were licensed, in violation of Wis. Admin. Code §§ DHS 110.13(2) and DHS 110.54(14).

Factual Basis for the Department's Action

You have been licensed as an emergency medical services practitioner since August 14, 2018. You completed the 2020-2023 EMS Provider Renewal application to renew your emergency medical technician license on September 23, 2020. On the 2020-2023 EMS Provider Renewal Application, you entered your initials in the box provided to indicate you agree with the following statements:

I understand that Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.08(1) states "Upgrading EMT practice levels. To upgrade an EMT practice level, the EMT shall complete the application requirements under s. DHS 110.06 for the desired EMT practice level."

I understand that Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.13(2) states "An EMS professional may only perform emergency medical care that is within the Wisconsin scope of practice for the practice level at which the EMS professional is licensed or certified."

You successfully completed an advanced emergency medical technician course in January 2019. While you completed the National Registry certification process for the advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) level in November 2020, you did not apply for a Wisconsin AEMT license until November 15, 2021. On November 17, 2021, you submitted a request for waiver of administrative rule to the Department seeking waiver that initial education was completed with twenty-four months of course completion. Your waiver was approved on February 15, 2022. You were first issued a Wisconsin AEMT license on February 21, 2022.

On or about January 26, 2022, the Department received a complaint that you were functioning as an AEMT with the Chetek Ambulance Service without an AEMT license.

On February 17, 2022, the Department requested documentation from Chetek Ambulance Service related to your responses for Chetek Ambulance Service during the period between the completion of your advanced emergency medical technician course through December 2021.

On March 31, 2022, Chetek Ambulance Service provided the Department with copies of patient care reports for your responses from the completion of your AEMT course through December 31, 2021. Based on this documentation the Department identified:

- Sixty-eight responses involving you in the period from November 18, 2021, when you were aware that you needed a Wisconsin AEMT license, to December 31, 2021.
- Thirty-one responses where you attempted intravenous access or administered intravenous fluids between November 18, 2021, and December 31, 2021.
- Three times you administered intravenous dextrose between November 18, 2021, and December 31, 2021.
- Two times you administered nitrous oxide between November 18, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

During the period identified, you were still licensed at the emergency medical technician level. Intravenous access, intravenous fluid administration, intravenous dextrose administration, and nitrous oxide administration are AEMT interventions and not permitted at the emergency medical technician level under the Wisconsin scope of practice.

Legal Authority for Department Action

Under Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.56,

The department may reprimand a licensee, permit holder, or certificate holder if the department finds that the person has violated a requirement of this chapter or ch. 256, Stats., or engaged in conduct described in s. DHS 110.54. A reprimand documents the department's finding that the permittee, certificate holder or licensee has violated a requirement of this chapter or ch. 256, Stats., or has engaged in conduct described in s. DHS 110.54. A reprimand may be in the form of a letter issued to the person who is the subject of the reprimand...

Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.13(2) states,

An EMS professional may only perform emergency medical care that is within the Wisconsin scope of practice for the practice level at which the EMS professional is licensed or certified.

Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.54(14) states,

The person practiced beyond the scope of practice for his license or certificate.

Department Action

Based on the records submitted, it has been determined that you practiced beyond the scope of practice for your license or certificate in violation of Wis. Admin. Code §§ DHS 110.13(2) and DHS 110.54(14).

In accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.56, the Department will post the reprimand on the Department's EMS website, will retain a copy of this reprimand in your file, and may consider it in determining what further enforcement action may be appropriate if violations continue.

Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.56, the Department's issuance of this reprimand is a final decision of the Department and is not subject to an administrative hearing.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bates

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