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February 9, 2022

(Via E-Mail and Certified US Mail)

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

RE: Letter of Warning to [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

The Department of Health Services (Department), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section, hereby issues a letter of warning to you, [REDACTED], for providing emergency medical care without a current credential, as required by Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.13(1).

Factual Basis for the Department's Action

On September 28, 2021, the Department received a complaint that you initiated intravenous access on a patient on September 23, 2021, without having a credential with the responding emergency medical service provider.

On September 23, 2021, you were assisting with a paramedic class as an adjunct faculty member at [REDACTED]. A student in the class experienced a medical event, necessitating activation of the 9-1-1 system. Before the responding emergency medical service provider arrived, you initiated intravenous access on the student using intravenous equipment that [REDACTED] uses for training. While certified as an emergency medical services training center, [REDACTED] is not licensed to provide emergency medical care as an emergency medical services provider.

You have a state license at the paramedic level. You did not have a credential with the responding emergency medical service provider.

Legal Authority for Department Action

Under Wis. Admin Code § DHS 110.55,

The department may issue a warning letter to a licensee, permit holder, or certificate holder if the department finds that the person has committed a minor, first-time violation of a requirement of this chapter or ch. 256, Stats., or a minor, first-time violation identified in s. DHS 110.54. The department shall retain a copy of the warning letter in

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the person's file and may consider it when determining what enforcement action is appropriate if the person commits subsequent violations...

Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.13(1) states,

An emergency medical service professional shall maintain a current credential with each emergency medical service provider with which the EMS professional serves. An emergency medical professional may not provide emergency medical care if the EMS professional does not have a current credential.

Department Action

Based on the records submitted, it has been determined that you provided emergency medical care without a current credential.

In accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.55, the Department will post a copy or summary of the letter of warning, which does not identify the recipient of the letter, on the Department's EMS website, will retain a copy of this letter of warning in your file, and may consider it in determining what further enforcement action may be appropriate if subsequent violations occur.

Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.55, the Department's issuance of this letter of warning is a final decision of the Department and is not subject to an administrative hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Phillips". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Phillips" clearly distinguishable.

Jeff Phillips
Director
Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care
Wisconsin Department of Health Services