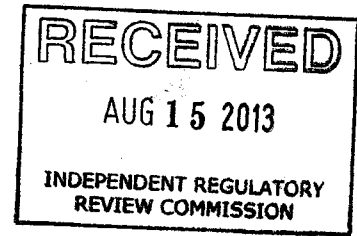




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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Department of Health - Emergency Medical Service System
Regulation Number: #10-190 (IRRC #2917)
Date of Hearing: August 22, 2013

Dear Commissioners :

On behalf of EMS Providers at Mercy Health System EMS, I want to show our support for the new EMS Regulations for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mercy EMS provides primary 911 EMS coverage for several communities in Delaware County. It is a great disservice to the citizens, visitors and EMS providers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if these Rules and Regulations are delayed any further. How do we have an Act, without any rules? The adoption of these Rules and Regulations would bring consistency, oversight, and transparency to the EMS system in Pennsylvania. The expanded Act 37 Rules and Regulations will aid EMS agencies throughout Pennsylvania to better serve its citizens and visitors. Once again, our organization fully supports the adoption of these Rules and Regulations as they relate to the Emergency Medical Service System in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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