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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
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RE: Department of Health – Emergency Medical Services System, Regulation Number: #10-190 (IRRC #2917)

The Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania (AAP) is Pennsylvania's lead organization serving the needs of its members in the emergency and non-emergency ambulance and medical transportation industry.

The AAP advocates the highest quality patient care through ethical and sound business practices, advancing the interests of its members in important legislative, educational, clinical, regulatory and reimbursement issues. In accomplishing this goal, the AAP is dedicated to excellence in providing superior service to all facets of its membership and in developing positive relationships with other organizations involved in the medical transportation field. In carrying out this mission, the AAP is committed to meet the needs of its members in the volunteer, non-profit and for-profit sectors. The AAP represents over 240 ambulance providers in the Commonwealth which comprise approximately 80% of the emergent and non-emergent ambulance transports each year.

The AAP strongly supports the passage of the above referenced regulations during your Thursday, August 22, 2013 hearing. These vitally important regulations will allow the EMS System to evolve and grow as technology and medical needs change allowing EMS to better serve the residents of Pennsylvania into the future.

Thank you for your support of the EMS System.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Bollendorf
President