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

Dear Commissioners:

I write on behalf of the Emergency Health Services Federation to support the Regulations 10-190 (IRRC 2917) for the current Emergency Medical Services System Act 37.

We face significant changes within our healthcare system with the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; while at the same time, the population of Pennsylvania residents is increasing which will lead to an increased demand on our healthcare system. Additionally, Emergency Medical Service organizations are becoming the preferred provider of preventative healthcare, and injury preventative education nationwide, in order to reduce costs, and increase wellness of our citizens.

These Regulations provide for traditional emergency response, as well as, the non-traditional roles for our EMS organizations, and providers, and will advance our system by laying a foundation to provide for the rapid development of resources, while protecting those who establish, train, and deploy critically needed EMS assets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

C. Steven Lyle
Executive Director