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Joseph W. Schmider, Director  
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Dear Director Schmider:

After having met with the Directors of the Emergency Medical Service Institute and EMMCO West, and after a staff review of the Proposed Regulations to 35 Pa. C. §§ 8108 – 8157, Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania would like to affirm its support of these changes as published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Hospital Council is pleased to have maintained a long and productive relationship with the EMS community in western Pennsylvania. Supporting continued progress in the vital services that pre-hospital care providers render to the Commonwealth's residents and visitors, is now our pleasure. Having been part of the evolution of Emergency Medical Services going back to the early 1970s, we are pleased to see the relationship between pre-hospital care and in-hospital care rendered complete by these regulations.

Please feel free to contact us at any time that we may be of assistance in any issue that may arise involving the interface of EMS and the hospital community in western Pennsylvania, especially in regard to *Subchapter D – Quality Improvement and Peer Review*.

Sincerely,

  
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