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August 19, 2013

Mr. Richard Gibbons Director, Bureau of EMS Pennsylvania Department of Health Health & Welfare Building, Room 606 625 Forster Street Harrisburg, PA 17120-0701

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Geisinger Health System¹ is pleased to endorse the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services Final-Form Regulation Number 10-190 (IRRC #2917).

Geisinger serves more than 2.6 million residents throughout 33 counties in central and northeastern Pennsylvania. Additionally, Geisinger is the nation's largest rural health services organization. As such, we can attest that the quality of the Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") community is of utmost importance. The service that pre-hospital care providers render is vital to the patients we both serve.

Final-Form Regulation Number 10-190 will improve patient care by: enabling care gaps to be filled by allowing the utilization of EMS personnel in expanded roles; allowing for more appropriate transport of critical care patients by providing for critical care ground ambulances; and, sanctioning transportation options to various facilities rather than requiring transport to hospitals.

We believe these regulations will assist in achieving not only a higher quality EMS system, but also a more coordinated and integrated EMS system. Additionally, it will enable Pennsylvania to be a leader in developing new practice models as the delivery of healthcare continues to evolve.

The Department of Health and the Bureau of EMS have engaged all stakeholders—public, private, and governmental—by hosting town meetings throughout the Commonwealth to discuss and seek comment on the proposed regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to register Geisinger's support of Final-Form Regulation Number 10-190.

Respectfully submitted.

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cc: Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("IRRC")

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