PUBLIC NOTICE - #7

This notice is given by Clay Stamp, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Board and Dr. Theodore Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 19, 2020 entitled "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce", as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, and further that these actions will augment the emergency medical services workforce, and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

Practice of EMS Education Article Section 13-516 delineates the practice of EMS clinicians. In addition, in order to augment staffing of the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital and other established alternative care sites, subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, EMS clinicians may provide medical care to patients admitted to the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital and other established alternative care sites under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. Such staffing plans require approval by the MIEMSS Executive Director and the State EMS Medical Director.

This action is clinically appropriate; and necessary to provide services relating to: The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or the evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

October 23, 2020

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