



## **EMS Information Bulletin - #2012 - 011**

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**SUBJECT:** Picture Identification Cards

**TO:** Regional EMS Councils  
Quick Response Services  
Ambulance Services

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The Emergency Medical Services System Act (Act) 35Pa.C.S. § 8113 (j) Identification states:

- (1) An EMS provider shall provide proof of authority to practice as an EMS provider if requested when providing services as an EMS provider.
- (2) For purposes of this subsection, “proof of authority to practice means a card or certificate issued by the department that shows current registration of the EMS provider’s certification.

If an EMS Provider does not have proof of authority to practice when requested to provide documentation, the individual has 15 days to provide the required documentation to the Regional EMS Council responsible for the area where the EMS provider was providing EMS care. Failure to provide documentation is a violation of the Act § 8121 (a)(13) and may result in disciplinary action.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional EMS Council or the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.