




EMS Information Bulletin 2022-04

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SUBJECT: Updated Status of Various Regulatory and Statutory Suspensions

TO: PA EMS Agencies
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Background: On September 30, 2021 the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Bureau) issued [EMS Information Bulletin 2021-16](#) in response to the passage of Act 21 of 2021, which extended all applicable regulatory and statutory exceptions through September 30, 2021. Specifically, this EMSIB outlined additional EMSIBs including [EMSIB 2021-11 Rescinding EMSIB 2020-11 Level I Staffing Exceptions](#) and [EMSIB 2021-12 Additional Exceptions Under Act 17 of 2020](#).

Pursuant to Act 73 of 2021, which was signed into law on September 30, 2021, the EMS regulatory and statutory suspensions that were previously in effect will remain in effect. Specifically, the following regulatory and statutory exceptions remain in effect:

1. [EMSIB 2020-09 Out of State EMS Agencies](#)
2. [EMSIB 2020-11 Level I Staffing Exceptions for Licensed EMS Vehicles](#)
3. [EMSIB 2020-20 Use of Out of State EMS Personnel](#)
 - a. **While this exception remains in place, the Bureau strongly recommends that any out of state provider regularly practicing within Pennsylvania begin the certification by endorsement process IMMEDIATELY.**

While the passage of Act 73 removes the immediate impetus and need for [EMSIB 2021-12 Additional Exceptions Under Act 17 of 2020](#) the Bureau is leaving that guidance in place to allow BLS ambulance agencies the ability to plan and anticipate their operations through the previously stated deadline of 00:01 on July 1, 2022.

UPDATE: On March 30th, 2022, Governor Wolf signed into Law Act 14 of 2022 which extends the aforementioned regulatory **exceptions until June 30, 2022**. It is important that agencies using EMSIB 2020-20 encourage any out of state provider to begin the

certification by endorsement process *immediately*. It is also important for agencies to continue to plan for anticipated operational needs as outlined in EMSIB 2021-12 prior to July 1, 2022.

Please direct any questions to your Regional EMS Council.