

To: U.S. Government Operated EMS Agencies and OMDs.  
From: Michael D. Berg, Manager, Regulation and Compliance  
Date: April 11, 2001 (Revised 7/30/2004)  
Re: "Exemption from EMS Regulations" Notice

The Office of EMS has received inquiries concerning the Notice dated March 26, 2001. U.S. Government Operated EMS Agencies holding a Virginia EMS license have requested clarification concerning specific issues addressed below.

### **EMS Agency Licensure**

The Office of EMS will no longer license or continue to license a U.S. Government Operated EMS Agency. Effective May 1, 2001, U.S. Government operated EMS agency licenses will no longer be valid.

### **Mutual Aid**

A U.S. Government Operated EMS Agency participating in a Mutual Aid agreement with a licensed Virginia EMS Agency is encouraged to continue this agreement.

### **Federal EMS Agency Providers**

- A federal EMS agency provider with a Virginia certification expiration date of March 30, 2001 **is allowed** to have his OMD submit a recertification examination waiver through April 30, 2001.
- A federal EMS agency provider with a Virginia certification expiration date on or after April 30, 2001 **is allowed** to have his OMD submit a recertification examination waiver through April 30, 2001. **A waiver of a federal EMS agency provider received after April 30, 2001 will not be accepted.**

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- A federal EMS agency provider holding a Virginia EMS certification and affiliated with a licensed Virginia EMS Agency may be granted a recertification examination waiver by his Virginia EMS Agency's OMD.
- A federal EMS agency provider who is not affiliated with a Virginia licensed EMS Agency and seeking to maintain Virginia EMS certification may take the applicable Virginia EMS recertification examination required of any person not affiliated with a licensed EMS Agency.

### **Local, Regional and State System Participation**

A U.S. Government Operated EMS Agency may participate in local and regional EMS systems, exchange programs and state certification examinations.

Upon request, OEMS will add a U.S. Government Operated EMS Agency to our mailing list. Notices, bulletins, announcements and general correspondence will be provided at regular intervals concerning state EMS system issues.