

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY
CENTER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

In the Matter of: VICTORIA PASSARETTI COMPLAINT NO. C24-1244

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-4.1-1 *et seq.*, Emergency Medical Transportation Services, and 216-RICR-20-10-2, Emergency Medical Services, the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Quality and Safety, Center for Emergency Medical Services ("RIDOH") has reviewed the license application submitted by **VICTORIA PASSARETTI** ("Applicant"). After review and consideration by RIDOH the following are and shall constitute:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent was an emergency medical technician licensed in the State of Rhode Island under Emergency Medical Technician License Number EMT19021.
- 2. On March 31, 2024, Respondent's National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification expired.
- 3. Per RI EMS Regulations 216-RICR-20-10-2, to obtain a valid licensure all levels of EMS must possess a current NREMT certification pertinent to the level of licensure being sought.
- 4. On September 17, 2024, the respondent falsely claimed she had a current NREMT certification on her EMT renewal license application, resulting in a fraudulent renewal of EMT19021.
- 5. Respondent has been employed with the Warwick Fire Department since July 2024. Respondent has had patient contacts while operating under an invalid EMT license.
- 1. Respondent admits to, and hereby agrees to remain under, the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
- 2. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that the purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the complaint of unprofessional conduct alleged against the Respondent and to reissue her EMT license.
- 3. This Consent Order is an agreement between RIDOH and Respondent; and any failure to adhere to

the terms and conditions of this Consent Order may constitute unprofessional conduct and may subject Respondent to further disciplinary action at the discretion of RIDOH, including but not limited to Suspension or Revocation.

- 4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - (a) The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;
 - (b) The right to represent himself or be represented by an attorney of their own choosing at said hearing;
 - (c) The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on his behalf;
 - (d) The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by RIDOH;
 - (e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - (f) The right to take an appeal from this Consent Order; and
 - (g) Any objection that this Consent Order may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, become a permanent part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH and a part of a public record of this proceeding, or posted on RIDOH's public website.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

RIDOH and Respondent hereby agree as follows:

- (1) Respondent's EMT License shall be SUSPENDED until respondent can provided proof of current NREMT certification as of the Effective Date of this Consent Order. The Effective Date is the date on which this Consent Order is approved by RIDOH. During the period of Suspension, Respondent shall not provide emergency medical services in her capacity as a licensed emergency medical technician.
- (2) Respondent must provide proof of current NREMT certification and reapply of State licensure and follow instructions on mandated on the license application.
- (3) Following successful reapplication for state licensure, Respondent agrees to a period of Probation for twelve (12) months, during which time Respondent shall:
 - (a) Complete a comprehensive review of the *Rhode Island Emergency Medical Services Rules* and Regulations [216-RICR-20-10-2], conducted by a Rhode Island licensed EMS Instructor/Coordinator selected or approved by the Department, within thirty (30) days of the start of this probationary period. The refresher education will be separate from the State required refresher course for provider's tri-annual license renewal and may not be used as education credits for said refresher.
 - (b) During the period of probation, if Respondent changes employment and/or volunteer service, Respondent shall notify the Department forthwith of said change including the name and address of the new employer(s) and/or licensed ambulance service, as well as the reason for change in ambulance service affiliation.
- (4) A copy of this Consent Order shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.

Failure to adhere to the terms of this Consent Order may constitute unprofessional conduct and may subject Respondent to further disciplinary action at the discretion of RIDOH, including but not limited to Suspension or Revocation of Respondent's EMT license.

| This Consent Order is a public record. |
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| Signed this 13 day of November, 2024. |
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| VICTORIA PASSARETTI |
| LICENSEE NO.: EMT19021 |
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| Ratified this _14th_ day ofNovember, 2024. |
| Josep M. Nede |
| ASON M. RHODES, MPA, AEMT-C |
| Chief, Center for Emergency Medical Services |
| Division of Healthcare Quality and Safety Rhode |
| Island Department of Health |