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**NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATABANK (NPDB), DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL MANDATORY
REPORTING NOTICE**

Based on the implementation of Section 1921 of the Social Security Act, and pursuant to 45 CFR § 60.9, the Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services Agency must, as a county licensing authority for EMT certificates on behalf of the State of California, report all adverse EMT certificate actions (e.g., probation, suspension, denial or revocation) to the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) within 30 days of when the action was taken.

The Data Bank is a federally mandated program that protects the public, improves the quality of health care and combats fraud and abuse in health care delivery by collecting specific information. Reporting to the Data Bank is an important element in the comprehensive and continuous review of practitioners' professional credentials.

Reporting certain adverse information is required by law, fosters quality in health care, and assists the health care community in making sound employment, credentialing, and licensing decisions. Report information received by organizations is used in conjunction with a comprehensive review of professional credentials.

Section 1921 of the Social Security Act authorizes the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) to expand the information it collects. With this legislation, disciplinary records of allied health care professionals are now accessible to private sector hospitals, nursing homes, and other organizations so that they may be used when making employment, affiliation, certification, or licensure decisions. Section 1921 adds State licensure actions against all types of health care professionals, not just physicians and dentists, to the NPDB. In addition, Section 1921 collects any negative action or finding by State licensing agencies, peer review organizations and private accreditation organizations against all health care practitioners and organizations. To learn more about the National Practitioners Data Bank visit <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>.

If the Agency submits a report of a certificate action to the NPDB, you will receive notification from the NPDB of the report by mail from the NPDB to the address on file with the Agency. The Agency does not publicly release copies of the reports it has submitted to the NPDB.

The Agency also submits a report of adverse EMT certificate action to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the United States Office of Inspector General (OIG). These Agencies make an independent determination as to whether the certificate action should result in exclusion from a state or federal healthcare program.

Exclusion information for DHCS can be found at <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubdoco/SandILanding.asp>. Exclusion information for the OIG can be found at <https://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/index.asp>.

You should review the information on both of these exclusion programs or consult with an attorney and obtain legal advice regarding the consequences of disciplinary action or entering into any settlement regarding discipline against your EMT certificate.

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