EMS Information Bulletin 2020-12

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SUBJECT: PCR Data Collection for Exemptions Outlined in EMSIB 2020-11

TO: PA EMS Agencies
PA Regional EMS Councils
PCR Vendors

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On April 1, 2020 the Bureau of EMS (Bureau) issued EMSIB 2020-11 regarding to staffing exemptions for COVID-19 response. For the purposes of electronic patient care reporting (ePCR) data collection for those who have selected to use the staffing exemptions and are following EMSIB 2020-11 shall use the following guidance for completing ePCRs:

1. The agency shall create the following certification number in their ePCR system: COVID19

2. EMS Agencies shall use this certification number for all persons who do not have EMSVO and are operating an EMS vehicle during the period that the exemption outlined in EMSIB 2020-11 are in effect.

3. EMS Agencies shall document in the narrative who the driver of the vehicle is by using verbiage that reads: Driver identified as COVID19 in crew roster is (Insert First and Last Name)

4. EMS Agencies shall maintain documentation at a minimum that the driver has a valid motor vehicle license for the class of the vehicle they are operating.

Any questions regarding this EMSIB should be directed to your regional council.