

EMS Information Bulletin 2021-07

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SUBJECT: Status of Regulatory and Statutory Suspensions

TO: PA EMS Agencies

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FROM: PA Department of Health

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As you may know, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) has issued numerous temporary regulatory and statutory suspensions under authority granted by the Governor's declaration of a disaster emergency due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Our goal with these suspensions was to respond to the extraordinary circumstances of the last year by allowing entities regulated by the Department to continue operating throughout the uncertainty of the pandemic.

On June 10, 2021, the General Assembly passed House Resolution 106 which terminated the Disaster Declaration in whole, effective immediately. However, while the regulatory and statutory suspensions were originally authorized under the Disaster Declaration, the Governor signed Act 21 of 2021 on June 11, 2021 to ensure continuity of these suspensions. Act 21 extends all of the regulatory and statutory suspensions authorized under the Disaster Declaration until September 30, 2021. More information on Act 21 is outlined in the Governor's press release.

If you are operating under one or more of these suspensions, you will continue to be in compliance with all Department of Health laws and regulations until September 30, 2021 or such time when the suspension is terminated by the Department per Act 21. If the Department terminates any suspension prior to September 30, 2021, it will notify the General Assembly and any impacted regulated entity accordingly.

The past year has been a difficult time for so many of us. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and safety of your fellow Pennsylvanians.