

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43

WHEREAS, a civil preparedness proclamation was issued by the Governor on January 26, 2015 due to the severe weather conditions predicted to affect the state;

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes §28-9(a), authorizes and empowers the Governor to modify and suspend in whole or in part, any statute, regulation or requirement or part thereof, whenever the Governor is of the opinion that it is in conflict with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the dangerous travel conditions resulting from the severe snow storm, including high winds and heavy snow fall, the Governor has determined that certain regulatory requirements need to be modified while hazardous road conditions present an undue hazard to responders;

WHEREAS, the use of high clearance vehicles and specialty vehicles under such severe weather conditions could provide greater protection during transport for the emergency medical responder and the public during transport;

WHEREAS, the modification of certain regulatory requirements under Title 19a with regard to minimum vehicle standards is necessary to authorize the use of high clearance vehicles and specialty vehicles under such severe weather conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the modification of following state regulations for the reasons stated above:

- **Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-179-4 (Primary Service Area Responder); and**
- **Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-179-11(Availability of Response Services).**

Are hereby modified to allow emergency medical organizations to temporarily suspend the transportation of patients in cases where the EMS dispatch center, in coordination with the EMS service chief, have determined that a transportation request is not sufficiently urgent to justify the risk of transport where external conditions present an undue hazard to responders.

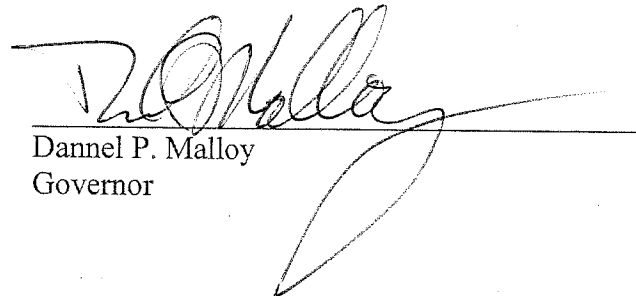
Furthermore, I **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the modification of the regulation listed below by the addition of the following language:

Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-179-18. (Minimum vehicle standards)

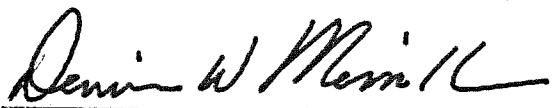
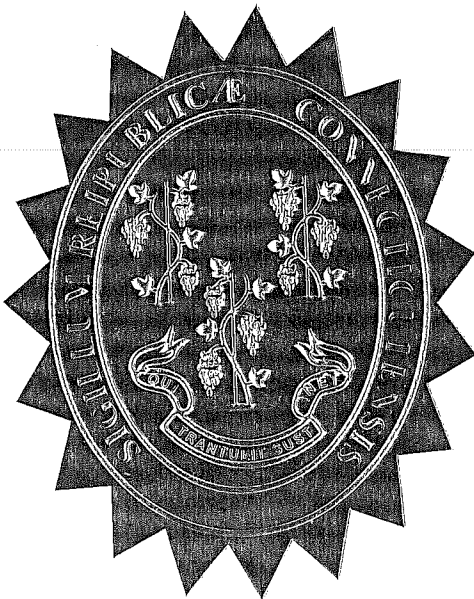
(f) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions in this regulation, during the pendency of the Governor's civil preparedness proclamation, an emergency medical service provider may utilize a high clearance vehicle or other specialty vehicle to transport a patient if the emergency medical service provider determines that the use of an ambulance vehicle would jeopardize the safety of the emergency medical responder and/or the public and also determines that the patient may be safely transported in such high clearance vehicle or other specialty vehicle that does not meet the minimum vehicle standards for design and equipment specified in this regulation.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon filing with office of the Secretary of State and shall be effective for a period of time not to exceed seven (7) calendar days from the date of this Executive Order unless sooner revoked.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 26th day of January 2015.



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

* See Attached