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

In the Matter of: CAITLIN M. RAFUSE

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 **CAITLIN M. RAFUSE** (“Applicant”) investigated License Number EMT (“Respondent”), with failure to comply with EMS Statutes and Regulations. After review and consideration by RIDOH the following are and shall constitute


FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Applicant was licensed as a Rhode Island emergency medical technician, license number EMT 18469, which expired on March 31, 2024. On or about January 8, 2024, Applicant applied to be re-licensed as an emergency medical technician in Rhode Island.
2. On or about October 3, 2022, the Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the Department of Public Health for the State of Connecticut issued a Consent Order regarding Applicant’s Connecticut Paramedic license number 002504, placing that license on probation for a period of two years. (See Exhibit 1, attached.)
3. That the conduct described in Exhibit 1 constitutes unprofessional practice 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.
4. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH
5. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by Respondent and RIDOH.
6. Respondent acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;

- b) The right to represent herself or be represented by an attorney of his 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 the terms of this Consent Order; and
- g) Any objection that this Consent Order will (i) be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, (ii) become a permanent part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH and a part of the public record of this proceeding or (iii) be posted on RIDOH's public website.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING,

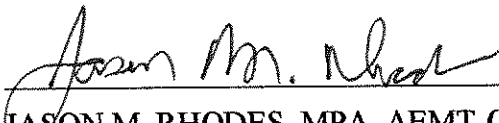
Applicant and RIDOH agree that Applicant's application for a Rhode Island license shall be approved, but shall reflect the status of Probation until such time as Applicant successfully completes the term of probation imposed on her Connecticut license. Upon successful completion of probation in Connecticut, Applicant's Rhode Island license status shall be changed to "Active."



CAITLIN M. RAFUSE

4/24/24
Date

Ratified by:



JASON M. RHODES, MPA, AEMT-C Date
Chief, Center for Emergency Medical Services
Division of Healthcare Quality and Safety
Rhode Island Department of Health

5/2/2024