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Gentlemen:

Southeast Pennsylvania Search and Rescue (SEPASAR) is a non-profit, tax exempt, public charity as determined by the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We are seeking a volunteer physician to serve as an EMS agency medical director as defined in the Pennsylvania EMS regulations published on September 20, 2010 (Attachment 1).

The new Pennsylvania EMS Act and subsequent regulations have defined wilderness search and rescue as a special operations EMS activity (Attachment 2). As such we are grouped with such activities as SWAT, building collapse search and rescue, and mass care which were not previously regulated as separate service types. Under the previous act wilderness search and rescue was not considered an EMS function.

To obtain an agency license under the new act SEPASAR must have a medical director and 6 pre-hospital care providers (EMT-B, EMT-I, AEMT [formerly paramedic], RN, PA, MD/DO with pre-hospital certification). We anticipate not more than 12 dispatches per year with any human patients being transferred to a transporting EMS agency for advanced care and transportation to a hospital or other facility. SEPASAR plans to operate at the BLS responder level due to the constraints of carrying ALS equipment and drugs in the field. The medical director is to review any case records generated and make such comments as may be necessary to improve the quality of care given. As we read the rules only the agency that delivers the patient to the hospital files an official patient care report and is subject to formal reviews.

Currently, there is no funding for the transition from an exempt provider to a licensed provider. However, there is funding available for independent EMS services for which SEPASAR should qualify. This funding could be used in the future to compensate a medical director through expenses, continuing education funding, or other honorarium.

SEPASAR is a recognized emergency response organization and its members are classified as essential response personnel in the Commonwealth.

To volunteer for this position please contact SEPASAR at the addresses above. Applications should include a legible photocopy of your driving and medical licenses, and any pre-hospital care training or certifications. While the Commonwealth will verify your license during agency license we do not need DEA numbers. Please include a resume emphasizing pre-hospital, emergency, or trauma care qualifications.

Thank you for considering this request.

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