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To: All Connecticut certified & licensed EMS organizations
All Connecticut EMS sponsor hospital medical directors
All Connecticut EMS sponsor hospital clinical coordinators

From: Raffaella Coler RN, MEd. *R*
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: Inability of health care professionals to practice with reasonable skill or safety

The purpose of this communication is to ensure EMS organizations are aware of **CGS Section 19a-12e** regarding mandated reporting of health care professionals in the case of an inability to practice with reasonable skill or safety. This may include physical illness, loss of motor skill, deterioration through the aging process, mental illness, abuse/excessive use of drugs, and other reasons detailed below in the statutory language. Please note that CGS 19a-12e requires reporting to the Department of Public Health.

Sec. 19a-12e. Petition re inability of health care professional to practice with reasonable skill or safety. Report re arrest or disciplinary action. Investigation. Disclosure. Procedure. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Health care professional" means any individual licensed or who holds a permit pursuant to chapter 368v, 370, 372, 373, 375 to 378, inclusive, 379 to 381b, inclusive, 383 to 385, inclusive, 388 or 397a to 399, inclusive;

(2) "Assistance program" means the program established pursuant to section 19a-12a to provide education, prevention, intervention, referral assistance, rehabilitation or support services to health care professionals who have a chemical dependency, emotional or behavioral disorder or physical or mental illness; and

(3) "Hospital" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-490.

(b) (1) Any health care professional or hospital shall, and any other person may, file a petition when such health care professional, hospital or person has any information that appears to show that a health care professional is, or may be, unable to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill or safety for any of the following reasons: (A) Physical illness or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; (B) emotional disorder or mental illness; (C) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (D) illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in the practice of the profession of the health care professional; (E) possession, use, prescription for use or distribution of controlled substances or legend drugs, except for therapeutic or other medically proper purposes; (F) misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in the obtaining or reinstatement of a license to practice the profession of the health care professional; or (G) violation of any provision of the chapter of the general statutes under which the health care professional is licensed or any regulation established under such chapter.

The entire CGS Section 19a-12e can be found on the cga.ct.gov website. If you have questions, please contact your [Regional EMS Coordinator](#).



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