



Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System

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Dear EMS and Trauma System Stakeholders,

New regulations of the DEA titled [Registering Emergency Medical Services Agencies Under the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017](#) now require emergency medical services providers to register with the DEA to enable them to access controlled substances, just like physicians, dentists, hospitals, and other providers, and get a DEA number.

The Department has begun a rulemaking to establish a method to enable emergency medical service providers, including ambulance services, to register under the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017. Without the Department's authorization, emergency medical service providers would not be allowed by DEA to register, get a DEA number, or gain legal access to controlled substances to use to treat patients under their care.

The Department has posted on a [webpage](#) for the rulemaking a [draft rule](#) specifying how an emergency medical services provider can request authorization to register with the DEA. The Department is soliciting input from you about the draft rule through an online survey associated with the draft. The [survey is open for comment until March 29](#), so please provide your comments.

Additional information about the rulemaking will be posted on the [webpage for the rulemaking](#). You may also sign up to obtain information about EMS rulemakings through [GovDelivery](#).

Thank you,

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