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### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 20-02

Date: February 4, 2020  
To: All Certified and Licensed EMS Agencies  
From: Raffaella Coler, RN, Med, Paramedic <sup>R</sup>  
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Re: Communication Aid for Emergency Personnel

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All EMS agencies should be aware of legislation effective on January 1, 2020. Section 4(c) of [Public Act 19-147](#) states:

c) On and after January 1, 2020, each emergency medical services personnel, firefighter, police officer, active member of an ambulance service licensed or certified in accordance with section 19a-180 of the general statutes, emergency mobile psychiatric services personnel and mental health crisis intervention services personnel shall maintain a paper or electronic copy of the communication aid developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in any vehicle used by such personnel, officer or member in the course of his or her duties.

The communication aid identified in this public act is available at the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities website at [https://uconnuicedd.org/projects/emergency\\_preparedness/](https://uconnuicedd.org/projects/emergency_preparedness/). This page also contains information and a tool for individuals with disabilities, their families and support providers: "Prep is Personal."

In order to comply with PA 19-147, all EMS agencies shall ensure that a paper or electronic copy of this communication aid be available in any vehicle used by EMS personnel in the course of their duties.



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