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VIA CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL

**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
REBECCA A. WHEELER, EMT-BASIC #14741**

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

On June 7, 2011, the Rhode Island Department of Health became aware of information from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General that on May 17, 2011 you entered two pleas of *Nolo contendere* into the Rhode Island Superior Court, in response to felony counts of patient abuse and larceny of a controlled substance.

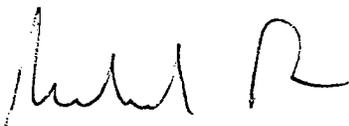
Accordingly, you have been deemed in violation of the *Rules and Regulation Relating to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1-EMS]*, specifically the following sections:

- Section 4.0 Qualifications of Emergency Medical Technicians. “4.1.3 have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director that he/she is of good moral character.”
- Section 5.2: Obligation to Report, “Each application for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician shall be considered a continuing application with the applicant/licensee having an affirmative duty to report to the Division in

writing within ten (10) days of any of the following: ‘any felony charge or felony conviction in Rhode Island or any other jurisdiction.’”

### **ORDER**

After review of the information received, it has been determined that the continuation of practice as an Emergency Medical Technician by Rebecca A. Wheeler would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Rebecca A. Wheeler is suspended from practicing as an Emergency Medical Technician until further Order of the Rhode Island Department of Health. Respondent’s suspension is in accordance with the terms of the Administrative Procedures Act, RIGL 42-3514(c). Respondent is entitled to a hearing pursuant to the provisions of RIGL 42-35-14(c).



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Interim Director of Health