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Department of Health and Hospitals
Health Standards Section

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Memo to All Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)-Health Standards Section (HSS) Licensed Health Care Providers:

In accordance with Act 393 of the 2019 Regular Legislative Session the LDH-Health Standards Section is issuing this notice to all applicable HSS licensed health care providers:

Effective August 1, 2019, Act 393 amends La R.S. 40:1203.3 (A) (1) and indicates that no employer shall hire any licensed ambulance personnel or non-licensed person when the results of a criminal history check reveals that the licensed ambulance personnel or non-licensed person has been convicted of the crime of identity theft or the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means. These convictions shall be added to the list of prohibited offenses that would prohibit employment as a licensed ambulance personnel or non-licensed personnel.

From this effective date forward, all health care providers shall be in compliance with La RS 40:1203 for any employees hired on or after August 1, 2019. Questions regarding licensed ambulance personnel shall be directed to LDH-Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Gavin Istre (225)-925-4022 or email <a href="mailto:gavin.istre@la.gov">gavin.istre@la.gov</a>. All other questions regarding this notice should be directed to the LDH-HSS Program Desk for your provider type by calling (225) 342-0138.

Respectfully,

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