

**Policy Statement:**

When an applicant for EMS licensure provides a false answer to any part of the Self-Disclosed Security Questionnaire on a license application, their EMS license (or eligibility for initial licensure) is suspended for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

**Authority:**

EMS Rule 14.1.1

EMS Rule 14.1.6.11

**Procedure:**

On an EMS license application, current and prospective EMS practitioners must truthfully answer six questions pertaining to illegal drug use; criminal charges and convictions; actions taken on professional licenses held; and compliance with obligations to pay child support and taxes. These questions are worded in a clear and concise manner, and a reasonable person could not misconstrue them. When the applicant provides a false answer, the Department will suspend the person's license – or in the case of a new applicant, render the person ineligible for licensure – for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

If the person is not satisfied with the Department's decision, they have the right to appeal the decision in accordance with EMS Rule.

**Rationale:**

It is a primary mission of the Department to protect the public and safeguard the public's trust. When an EMS practitioner provides false information related to past harmful or worrisome behavior, they erode the public's trust and diminish the system's ability to deliver safe, effective emergency medical care.

**Effective Date:**

September 30, 2022