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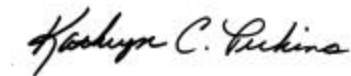
Dear Patch Vendor,

As you may know, the Texas Department of Health will become the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) on September 1, 2004. While this does not affect the validity of certifications or licensures currently issued by TDH, it will affect how EMS certification and licensure patches look.

After September 1, 2004, please use our new name on any patches that you have manufactured. EMS professionals have the option of immediately replacing the patches with new ones, or simply waiting until new patches are needed to obtain the new design. If EMS professionals do choose to obtain new patches, they should not wear them before September 1, 2004.

We hope to have prototypes of the new patches on our website at www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/ems/filelib.htm under 'EMS Patch Information' later this summer.

Sincerely



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