Northfield City Council

EMS Licensure Change: Request for Letter of Support

Steve Underdahl, president & CEO Brian Edwards, EMS Chief/Director







We will shift our license for Emergency Medical Services to full-time Basic Life Support (BLS) license, teamed with part-time Advanced Life Support (ALS) license





- Currently we are licensed at the ALS level.
- A shortage of paramedics makes it difficult to ensure compliance with state staff requirements under our existing license structure





The change will enable NH+C to:

- ensure we stay in compliance
- protect our response capabilities
- continue to support our current geography







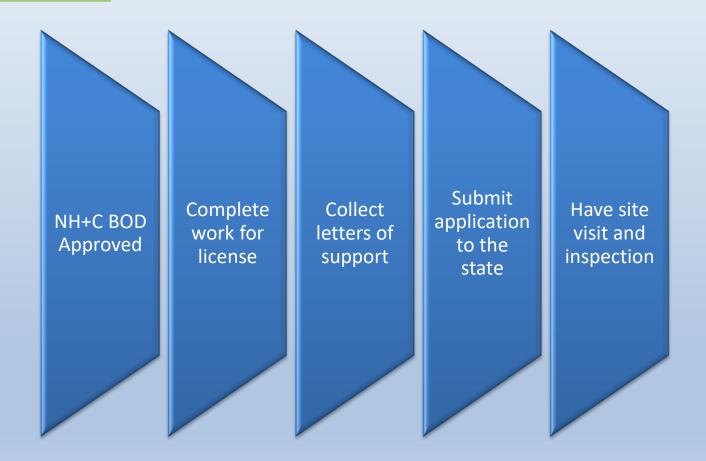
This approach is being used by other EMS and ambulance services around Minnesota



Process











➤ NH+C Board of Directors presentation and approval to proceed 8/22/24





Change paperwork being completed





> Collecting letters of support





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August 27, 2024

Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 220 Paul, MN 55102

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August 15, 2024

Mr. Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Mr. Ferguson,

am writing to you in support of the request made by Chief Brian Edwards, Northfield Hospital ann writing to you in support of the request made by Unier brian cowards, Northneid Hospital + Clinics EMS, to change their Northfield EMS License from Full-Time ALS to Part-Time ALS due

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It is well known that there is a shortage of EMT's and Paramedic's in the SE Region which has It is well known that there is a shortage of Emil 3 and Parametric 3 in the SE neglon which has been a concern for many of our Ambulance Services. It is my opinion that the request by Chief oeen a concern for many of our Ambulance Services. It is my opinion that the request by Chief Edwards is being proactive for his service area to assure that there will be the availability of a cuwarus is being proactive rui nis service area to assure that there will be the availability of qualified EMS response for 911 calls even if it would be a BLS response instead of an ALS quained EMS response for SXL Cails even if it would be a bLS response instead of an ALS response. Northfield EMS has well trained EMT's with a variety of variance skills available to

Allowing Northfield EMS to change from Full-time ALS to Part-time ALS will allow the Allowing Northfield ENIS to Change from Pull-time ALS to Part-time ALS Will allow the Community to continue to have a timely EMS response of EMT's instead of waiting for an ALS truck to arrive. I am in support of approval of Chief Edwards request to change their license Thank you very much!

Don Hauge, Executive Director Southeastern Minnesota EMS Region

Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board dvlan.ferguson@state.mn.us 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 220 Saint Paul, MN 55102

Mr. Ferguson,

We support Northfield Hospital and Clinic's (NH+C) decis time Basic Life Support license with a part-time Advanced with state statutes on staffing.

We're confident that this change will not affect the respon NH+C's EMS services.

NH+C has consistently maintained exceptional clinical perform EMSRB the last two years with a Certificate of Clinical Excellence other first responders work well with ED providers and staff.

NH+C's EMS department is a model for community involvement. I training to area police and fire departments, and to St. Olaf and Cal provides regular EMR and EMT courses. It works closely with area co councils, emergency preparedness advisory and planning groups, and Metropolitan Minnesota Regional EMS Program. NH+C's EMS is also a initiatives, including the Rice County Mobile Opioid Support Team and Zero Deaths campaign

NH+C's EMS leaders and staff have my confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Coral Ripplinger

Coral Ripplinger, MSN, PHN, RN Director, Dakota County Public Health Rice County 320 Third St. NW

Dylan Ferguson. Executive Director Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board 35 Spandolph Ave. Suste 220 37, Paul. NN 55102 533 Kangorph Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102

Mr. Pergason

I am in full support of Northfield Hospital + Clinic's request to shift its state licensure for EMS to a full-time

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Support Team and Southeast Minnesota Toward Team Leading. NH+C's EMS leaders and staff have my utmost confidence and support.

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Chair, Rice County Board of Commissioners





Potential Opposition:

If there are *fewer* than five letters of opposition, application goes to the state's Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board for approval

Planned for EMSRB's November Board meeting





➤ If there are 5 or more letters of opposition, it goes to a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge





Minnesota's Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board decides the final outcome





NH+C requests a letter of support from the Northfield City Council to be included in our application to change our license status



Thank you

