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Kevin G. Munjal, MD, MPH
Founder, NY Mobile Integrated Healthcare Association (NYMIHA)
c/o Mount Sinai Medical Center
One Gustave Levy Place, Box 1620
New York, NY 10029

Dear Dr. Munjal,

SeniorCare EMS, officially endorses and supports the efforts of the New York Mobile Integrated Healthcare Association (formerly NY Community Paramedicine Task Force). Specifically, we support the Association's model of improved out-of-hospital care including all efforts to make emergency medical services (EMS) more patient-centered and adaptive to changes in the healthcare system. We also endorse efforts to make out-of-hospital care more integrated into the continuum of healthcare delivery and to integrate EMS into the public health infrastructure.

SeniorCare EMS is one of the largest private ambulance providers in New York State and operates in all of New York City, Nassau, and Westchester. SeniorCare EMS offers basic life support, advanced life support, specialty care transport and NYC 911 ambulances, and responds to over 150,000 calls per year.

The current New York State Medicaid reimbursement policy does not allow EMS providers to deliver higher quality, patient-centered healthcare, instead it emphasizes transports. We support any effort by the NYMIHA to realign financial incentives for out-of-hospital care. We believe that changing New York State Medicaid reimbursement policy will enable providers of EMS to make a wide array of contributions to improving the public health while lowering costs.

SeniorCare EMS is committed to providing resources during the development and implementation as well as the training of staff once the protocols have been established and the program goes live.

We recognize and thank the NY Mobile Integrated Healthcare Association for initiating a statewide dialogue about the potential impact of improved out-of-hospital care. We encourage other organizations, hospital systems, public and private healthcare insurers, and government regulators to engage in this important discussion about the numerous social and financial benefits pre-hospital care can have throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Vatch
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