



***HOPATCONG AMBULANCE SQUAD, INC.***

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**Hopatcong Ambulance Squad to Obtain Licensure to Bill for Services**

The Hopatcong Ambulance Squad, Inc is committed to ensuring all emergency medical 911 calls are answered 24 hours, 7 days a week. As with many other volunteer emergency medical service agencies around the State of New Jersey, it has been increasingly difficult to ensure this continuing coverage during the daytime hours.

Due to limited daytime availability of our volunteers, it has become necessary for us to ensure that individuals within our community have uninterrupted emergency medical services during daytime hours. To accomplish this, we are employing on a per-diem basis, a limited amount of emergency medical technicians to handle emergency calls from Monday-Friday during daytime hours. Night and weekend calls will continue to be handled by our *dedicated volunteers*. This will ensure that 911 medical emergency calls are answered during this time when typically, volunteers are not available due to other professional commitments.

To cover the expenses of providing this daytime coverage, the Hopatcong Ambulance Squad will begin to bill patients for this service on or around January 1, 2009. It is the true intent for the Hopatcong Ambulance Squad, Inc. to make every effort to bill the patient's insurance company for this service.

Rita Russomanno, President, states that "all members of the Hopatcong Ambulance Squad, Inc. are truly dedicated to continuing its tradition of providing quality emergency medical care to the sick and injured to all residents of Hopatcong Borough and beyond 24/7". Through this process, the Hopatcong Ambulance Squad, Inc will become a licensed and regulated agency by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

The Hopatcong Ambulance Squad, Inc. will continue to provide uninterrupted service as well as continuing its existing collaborations and partnerships with mutual aid companies, including but not limited to, law enforcement agencies, fire service agencies and other EMS agencies around the State of New Jersey.

See our website for updates and frequently asked questions [WWW.HASEMS.org](http://WWW.HASEMS.org)

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