

**Comments regarding WP Docket 10-54 Blanket Waiver Request by the American Hospital Association of amateur radio rules Section 97.113 (a)(3)**

I agree with the AHA for the blanket waiver request. I have worked as an Emergency Management Officer for 2 hospitals over the last 10 years and can attest to the need for hospitals to communicate with local EOC's and other hospitals in a disaster.

Amateur radio communication should be a last resort after all other communication avenues have been explored, but as we have seen in disasters such as Hurricane Katrina amateur radio was the only communication tool available.

Hospitals, during drills or actual disasters do not communicate business information over the radio. We communicate our ability to take patients, availability of resources, and safety/security issues. We are not trying to sell or buy anything.

This waiver would give those hospital amateur radio operators the ability to check their equipment and hone their skills prior to and actual disaster

Sincerely,  
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