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(3) At the end of an inspection for the purposes of initial, renewal, or amendment of licensure or verification, the department will:

(a) Present the preliminary findings to the EMS service; and

(b) Send a written report to the EMS service summarizing the department's findings and recommendations. The report shall identify any deficiencies found and the steps to take to address the deficiencies.

(4) Licensed services must provide the department full access to the facility, vehicles, and all records and documents relevant to the inspection or investigation which may include patient care reports, training and certification documentation, policies, procedures, protocols, crew schedules, mutual aid agreements, quality improvement materials or other relevant documents.

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