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Provisionally Certified EMT Students

Dear Provisional EMS Clinician,

Thank you for becoming a provisionally certified EMS clinician in Maryland in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March, we have added over 900 provisional EMS clinicians to Maryland's EMS workforce. On behalf of all Marylanders, we are grateful for the commitment and dedication of the skilled and compassionate people who have felt compelled to make their contributions.

We hope that you and all provisional EMS clinicians will desire to remain a part of Maryland's EMS system. To that end, I want you to know about the potential for transitioning from provisional status to full certification in Maryland. The requirements vary, depending on certification level and the specific criteria by which an EMS clinician qualified for provisional status. The opportunity is now available.

Since you obtained your provisional status as an EMT student, the requirements for you to transition to full certification status are to:

- Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification;
- Pass the cognitive exam (NREMT exam) within 180 days after the termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of health emergency and catastrophic health emergency;
- Pass the psychomotor exam within 180 days after the termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of health emergency and catastrophic health emergency;
- Complete an internship – Note: the requirement for an internship will be satisfied if, during the COVID-19 emergency, you affiliated with an EMS Operational Program and provided EMS during the emergency; and
- Affiliate with an EMS Operational Program.

Further information about obtaining full certification in Maryland may be found at www.miemss.org or by emailing licensure-support@miemss.org

If you do not pursue full certification, your provisional status will expire 180 days after termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

Maryland's EMS system is fortunate to count you among its dedicated clinicians who answer more than one million calls for help each year. I hope you will want to remain engaged.

Thank you.

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