



MEMORANDUM

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To: All Maryland Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders

From: Theodore Delbridge, MD, MPH
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Re: Extension of State of Maryland Certification

In response to the extraordinary demands presented by COVID-19 and the crucial role that EMS clinicians play in the response to this pandemic, Maryland is modifying its requirements for recertification of EMS personnel.

Effective immediately, please be advised that the recertification periods for Maryland EMTs and EMRs are modified as follows:

EMTs and EMRs whose certifications will expire on June 30, 2020

- EMTs and EMRs with certifications that expire on June 30, 2020 who have already submitted a recertification application or who will submit a recertification application by June 30, 2020, will be recertified as of that date with an expiration date of June 30, 2023 (three years from their original expiration date).
- EMTs and EMRs with certifications that expire on June 30, 2020 but who do not submit a recertification application by that date will be extended for six months until December 31, 2020. No action is required to obtain this extension. These personnel should complete a recertification application prior to December 31, 2020 and otherwise meet the recertification requirements in order to be recertified as of December 31, 2020 with an expiration date of June 30, 2023 (three years from their original expiration date). BLS clinicians may access the recertification application in the Licensure system beginning October 1, 2020.

EMTs and EMRs whose certification date was December 31, 2019 and currently on extension

- EMTs and EMRs whose certification date was December 31, 2019, and who are currently on a six-month extension until June 30, 2020 will be extended until December 31, 2020, as above. EMTs and EMRs who submit recertification applications and meet recertification requirements prior to December 31, 2020, will be recertified with an expiration date of December 31, 2022 (three years from their original expiration date).

MIEMSS may further modify these extensions, if warranted.

I wish to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to EMS clinicians for their dedication and ongoing, tireless work to respond to COVID-19. This event is more likely to be a marathon than a sprint and will be a true test of all components of our health care system, including EMS. How we respond and adapt will need to be sustainable for some time. Anyone can do well when the going is easy; not everyone, or everything, can do well when the going is more challenging. I am confident that each of us, caring for our communities, our families and ourselves can meet the challenge in the days ahead.

Thank you.