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MEMORANDUM

To: All Maryland Paramedics and Cardiac Rescue Technicians

From: Theodore Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Date: March 18, 2020

Re: Extension of State of Maryland License

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 re-licensure of EMS personnel.

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

- ALS clinicians with an expiration date of April 30, 2020, who submit a re-licensure application and have met/will meet re-licensure requirements by the April 30, 2020 expiration date will be issued licenses that have an effective date of May 1, 2020, and an expiration date of April 30, 2022 (two years from their original expiration date).
- ALS clinician licenses that expire on April 30, 2020, when the clinician does not submit a re-licensure application by that date, will be automatically extended for six months until October 31, 2020. No action is required to obtain this extension. ALS clinicians will have access to the re-licensure application in the Licensure system beginning August 1, 2020. ALS extended clinicians should complete a recertification application prior to October 31st and otherwise meet the re-licensure requirements by that date in order to be re-licensed with an effective date of November 1, 2020. Licenses issued during the extension period ending on October 31, 2020, will have an expiration date of April 30, 2022 (two years from the 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 challenges in the days ahead.

Thank you.