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**EMT Reciprocity**

Dear Provisional EMS Clinician,

Thank you for becoming a provisionally licensed EMS clinician in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March, we have added more than 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 a provisional EMT certification via reciprocity, the requirements for you to transition to full certification status are:

- If you are registered as an EMT with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency:
  - Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification; and
  - Successfully complete a protocol review session approved by MIEMSS within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.
  
- If you are not registered as an EMT with the NREMT, within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency:
  - Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification;
  - Submit documentation that you have successfully completed 24 hours of EMS continuing education within the past 12 months; and
  - Successfully complete a protocol review session approved by MIEMSS within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

Further information about obtaining full certification in Maryland may be found at [www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org) or by emailing [licensure-support@miemss.org](mailto: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 and begin the process toward full certification.

Thank you.

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