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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given by Clay Stamp, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Board and Dr. Theodore Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 19, 2020 entitled "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce", as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, and further that these actions will augment the emergency medical services workforce; and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

- 1) Provisional Licenses: The procedures in COMAR 30.02.02.06 are modified to allow for provisional certificates and licenses to be issued under the requirements modified below, which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- 2) Reciprocal Licensure and Certification: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for issuance of reciprocal licensure and certification and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
 - a. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04A(3) that an applicant for reciprocal certification or licensure be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program providing at least the level of services for which the individual is seeking reciprocal licensure or certification.
 - b. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04C(2) that an applicant for reciprocal certification as an emergency medical technician have successfully completed a 12-hour skills refresher course approved by MIEMSS; or a protocol review and system orientation, including skills check-off, as approved by MIEMSS. Additionally, the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 C are modified to allow an applicant for EMT to submit evidence of evidence of current certification as an advanced-emergency medical technician (A-EMT) in another state if that state follows the national standards or registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an A-EMT.

- c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.04D(2), and (3) that an applicant for reciprocal licensure as a Paramedic successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session; and pass a paramedic protocol examination approved by MIEMSS.
- 3) Inactive Status: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.08 that an individual who has been on inactive status for a period greater than 1 year, be affiliated with an EMS operational program, and attend a skills review session approved by MIEMSS, or conducted by an approved ALS training program. C (2) and (3)
- 4) Reinstatement: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirements for reinstatement in COMAR 30.02.02.0-9 B, C, D and E and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.09 which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded as follows:
 - a. Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Certification to individuals whose Maryland EMR certification expired within the past ten years.
 - b. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification to individuals whose Maryland EMT certification expired within the past ten years.
 - c. Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) Licensure to individuals whose Maryland CRT license has expired within the past five years.
 - d. Maryland Paramedic Licensure to individuals whose Paramedic license has expired within the past five years.
- 5) Students: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for initial certification and licensure in COMAR 30.02.02.03 and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.03 which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded:
 - a. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03C (2) and (3) that an applicant for initial certification as an EMR applicant has successfully completed the practical certification examination administered in conjunction with the emergency medical responder course; and has passed an emergency medical responder written certification examination administered by an EMS educational program approved by the EMS Board.
 - b. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03D(2), (3), (4), and (5), that an applicant for initial certification as an EMT has successfully completed an internship approved by MIEMSS, passed an emergency medical technician written certification examination approved by MIEMSS, successfully completed the emergency medical technician practical certification examination administered by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.
 - c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03F(3), (4), (5), and (6), that an applicant for initial certification as a Paramedic submit evidence of current active status

registration as a paramedic with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session approved by MIEMSS; have passed a written paramedic licensure examination approved by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.

- 6) Mobile Integrated Health: The Mobile Integrated Community Health Program Optional Supplemental Program, item VR in the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers effective July 1, 2019, is revised as follows which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded:
- a. The MICHPP team consists of a nurse practitioner/registered nurse and experienced Paramedic or, at the option of the Jurisdictional EMS Operational Program or Commercial Ambulance Service, a single experienced Paramedic. The Paramedic may perform an abuse/neglect evaluation, conduct a home safety check, perform vital sign acquisition (i.e., temperature, pulse, RR, BP, pulse oximetry) and the Paramedic may perform the individual assessment, medication reconciliation/compliance, make referrals, interface with the primary health care professional/physician, and make recommendations to the patient.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.02 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

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