

Summary of Actions Taken Under the COVID -19 State of Emergency, 2022.

The EMS Board and MIEMSS issued five Public Notices taking action under the additional authority granted by Governor Hogan in the Declaration of Proclamation of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency, and Governor's Order 22-01-04-02, "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce, issued on January 4, 2022. On February 3, 2022, Governor Hogan issued a Termination and Rescission of the Proclamation of the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID-19. Accordingly, the actions taken by MIEMSS and the EMS Board expired at midnight on February 3 unless otherwise noted.

Public Notice 2022-1 allowed EMTs and CRTS to vaccinate the public under appropriate supervision. This action expired February 3, 2022. However, under the current statute paramedics may continue to administer flu and COVID-19 vaccines to the public under certain circumstances.

Public Notice 2022-2 allowed EMT psychomotor testing to occur after completing the cognitive Exam. While this action expired on February 3, 2022, MIEMSS and the EMS Board are promulgating an amendment to the regulations to make this a permanent change.

Public Notice 2022-3 extended any Emergency Medical Responder or Emergency Medical Technician certificate that would otherwise have expired on December 30 or December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Additionally, it provided extended an extended period to complete requirements to transition from provisional to full. Specifically, individuals who received a provisional license or certificate prior to August 15, 2021 will have until May 11, 2022 to complete the requirements to transition.

Public Notice 2022-4 created an expedited path for individuals to obtain provisional EMS certification or licensure to augment the EMS response during the emergency. Provisional EMS Clinicians must complete the requirements for full credentials by May 11, 2022 if provisional status was received prior to August 12, 2021, or by November 30, 2022 if the provisional status was received after January 4, 2022. Provisional EMS clinicians may continue to function while they complete these requirements. MIEMSS and the EMS Board are promulgating regulations to

provide a path for full credentialing for new provisional EMS clinicians and extending the time frame for individuals who obtained provisional status under the prior declared emergency.

Public Notice 2022-5 created a registry within MIEMSS to credential Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Clinical Externs to allow them to practice in a limited capacity during the emergency. This notice expired February 3, 2022.