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On December 2, 2020, the Maine EMS Board passed a temporary waiver of the requirement for ALS and BLS Skill CEH's for EMS clinician re-licensure. Currently, Maine EMS rule chapter 5 §5 (5) (C) (1) and (2) outlines the CEH requirements for all license levels. Due to hardships created by COVID-19, opportunities for skills CEHs have been significantly reduced. To assist services with the ability to maintain workforce staffing during the pandemic, this waiver was passed.

This waiver does **not** reduce the total number of CEH's needed to renew an EMS license. EMS clinicians will still be responsible for obtaining the total number of CEH hours required for re-licensure. However, they will not be required to complete the CEH requirement for ALS and/or BLS skills hours. In lieu of those skills CEHs, those hours must still be completed, but may be applied to any other category. This waiver is effective immediately and **expires on June 30, 2021**. This waiver only applies to EMS clinicians whose license expires on or before June 30, 2021.

Examples:

1- An EMT applies for renewal and is short four (4) BLS skill hours but has exceeded the medical requirement by four (4) hours. As the total number of CEHs still meets the overall 52-hour CEH requirement, the license may be renewed, assuming all other standards for licensing have been met.

2- An EMT applies for renewal and is short four (4) BLS skill hours but only meets the CEH requirement in all other categories. The licensee in this example has 48 hours, four (4) short of the 52-hour requirement. The license application may not be renewed until further CEH hours are obtained. However, the licensee may then acquire a total of 4 hours in a combination of any of the other topics to achieve the 52 hours required for re-licensure.

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