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To: All Maine Licensed EMS Providers and EMS Services
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Subj: Extension of Personnel Licenses

Maine EMS recognizes the critical role of its EMS responders and Services in mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also recognized that EMS operations in support of measures to mitigate the pandemic have the potential to place a unique and significant strain on the capability of both Maine's EMS clinicians and services to respond. By authority approved and delegated by the Maine Board of EMS, in accordance with emergency legislation passed by Governor Janet Mills, Maine EMS is waiving certain rules pertaining to re-licensure for both Maine licensed EMS and EMD personnel. This waiver is approved in support of maintaining an effective EMS system response capability.

This waiver applies to the following personnel licenses:

- EMR
- EMT
- AEMT
- Paramedic
- Instructor/Coordinator
- EMD

This waiver is effective immediately. Personnel of any of the above license levels **whose license expires in March, April, or May 2020 and are not able to meet** all CEH or training re-licensure requirements by their current expiration dates deadlines will have their deadlines extended to 30 June 2020. This deadline extension applies to both satisfaction of CEH requirements and submission of re-licensure applications.

Personnel of any of the above license levels whose license expires in the same time frames, and **who have met or will meet** all applicable CEH or training re-licensure requirements by their normal expiration dates are asked to submit your application and CEHs and re-license as normal.

Personnel re-licensing using deadline extensions will be issued a new Maine EMS license with expiration dates that will revert back to the original month of expiration. This means if you have a current EMT license that expires on 31 March 2020, but you re-license in June 2020, your new EMT license will expire as in the following examples:

- If you relicense with hour-for-hour CEHs, your license would expire on 31 March 2023.
- If you relicense with a NREMT certification, your license would expire on 31 March 2022.

- If you have a current EMD license that expires in May 2020 and you re-license in June 2020 with a valid IAED certificate and are affiliated with an EMD center, your new EMD license will expire in May 2022.

EMS personnel who use NREMT certifications to renew their Maine EMS provider licenses should refer to the NREMT recertification bulletin **“National Registry Extends 2020 Recertification Deadline; Modifies Requirements,”** dated 13 March 2020. This can be found at:

<https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/covid-19>

Licensure extensions for applicable personnel will be tracked by Maine EMS Image Trend eLicensing program. EMS personnel who are on a license extension shall be able to provide full patient care or EMD as applicable to their licensure.

Maine EMS is committed to the support of EMS clinicians and Emergency Medical Dispatchers throughout the state, and keeping personnel updated as developments or changes in this situation occur. All questions or issues regarding this waiver should be directed to Maine EMS.