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To: All Maine Licensed EMS Services
From: J. Sam Hurley, Director, Maine EMS
Subject: Extension of Maine EMS Service 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 Maine licensed EMS services. This waiver is approved in support of maintaining an effective EMS system response capability.

This waiver applies to EMS Services and is effective immediately.

All EMS services whose license expires in **March, April or May 2020**, and are **not** able to meet all requirements for service re-licensure by their current expiration date deadline will have their deadlines for re-licensure extended to 30 June 2020.

EMS services whose license expires in the same time frames, and **who have met or will meet** all applicable requirements for service re-licensure by their normal expiration dates are asked to submit your application and re-license as normal.

Licensure extensions will be tracked by Maine EMS Image Trend eLicensing program. EMS services who are on a license extension shall be able to provide full EMS response, patient care and patient transport as applicable to both the current license type and level of the service.

Maine EMS is committed to the support of EMS service sthroughout 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.

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