

MIEMSS / EMS Board Actions Under the Executive Order – April 10, 2020

The EMS Board Chair and MIEMSS Executive Director have taken the following Actions in April under the Governor’s Executive Order Number 20-03-19-03:

Public Notice #2 - Modification of COMAR regulations to create a new certification status of “Clinical Extern” and authorization to issue Clinical Extern Certification to certain health sciences students. April 2, 2020

A new Clinical Extern Certification status is available to health sciences students at an accredited school of nursing, medicine or respiratory therapy who meet certain requirements. The Clinical Extern Certificate will permit these personnel to augment the clinical workforce in hospitals and auxiliary treatment sites. Clinical Externs must function under the direct supervision of a Maryland licensed health professional and must provide care in accordance with their training and to the extent their supervisor determines their competency. The Clinical Extern certificates are valid until 30 days after the end of the emergency period.

The following COMAR regulations are modified under Public Notice #2:

- COMAR 30.03.01.01B – modified to include a definition of “Clinical Extern”
- COMAR 30.02.02.06 – modified to permit Clinical Extern Certificates to be issued to students who have met certain education criteria.
- COMAR 30.02.03.01B – modified to specify the limitations under which Clinical Externs will function.

Public Notice #3 - Modification of COMAR regulations to modify certain requirements for commercial ambulance services staffing and licensing. April 7, 2020

Requirements for ambulance personnel may be waived for a licensed in-state or out-of-state commercial ambulance service if the service can demonstrate that the personnel staffing the ambulance are adequate to care for the patient needs under exigent circumstances. Issuance of a waiver requires approval by the State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation and the State EMS Medical Director.

Certain ambulance licensing requirements are suspended for commercial ambulances that are owned and operated by a Maryland licensed commercial ambulance service and currently licensed to provide ambulance services in another state. These ambulances may be provisionally licensed which shall be valid until 30 days after the end of the emergency period.

The following COMAR regulation was modified under Public Notice #3:

- COMAR 30.09.04.08B – modified to permit waiver of ambulance personnel staffing requirements

The following COMAR regulation was suspended under Public Notice #3:

- COMAR 30.09.04.05 – suspended for commercial ambulances that are owned and operated by a Maryland licensed commercial ambulance service and currently licensed to provide ambulance services in another state and that receive a provisional license from the State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation.

Public Notice #4 – Modification of COMAR regulations for licensing of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). April 7, 2020

Public Notice #4 authorized a new EMD-specific Provisional Status License that is valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the end of the emergency period.

A new EMD-specific Provisional Status Licensure is available to applicants who are licensed as EMDs in another state but who do not have a current affiliation with an EMS operational program.

A new EMD-specific Provisional Status Licensure is available to applicants whose Maryland EMD license expired within the past five years (2015 – 2020).

A new EMD-specific Provisional Status Licensure is available to students who (1) have completed an EMD educational course, but do not have a current affiliation with an EMS Operational Program; or (2) within the previous 18 months, have not successfully completed a health care provider level CPR course.

EMDs currently in Inactive status may re-active their licensure without affiliating with an EMS Operational Program.

The following COMAR regulation was modified under Public Notice #4:

- COMAR 30.02.02.06 to permit a Provisional EMD License to be issued and be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the emergency period.

The following COMAR regulations were suspended under Public Notice #4:

- COMAR 30.02.02.03G (3) that an applicant for an initial EMD license must be affiliated with an EMD operational program approved by the EMS Board.
- COMAR 30.02.02.03G (5) that an applicant for an initial EMD license must complete CPR training within 18 months of application.
- COMAR 30.02.02.08 C (1) that an EMD on inactive status must be affiliated with an EMS operational program in order to apply to re-activate their license.