

# ALS Subcommittee

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# **ALS Subcommittee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

November 18, 2020

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the ALS Subcommittee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on November 18, 2020 by Melissa Meyers in the absence of chairman Dr. Jeff Fillmore.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting was made by Brain Christopher, and seconded by Diane Flint. The minutes were approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **ALS Renewal Requirements**

National Registry has waived the distributive education requirements for 2021. The regular guidelines for recertification applying to both paramedics and CRTs can be found at the links below.

Distributive Education Update from National Registry:

<https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/covid-19#distributive-education-update>

NREMT Paramedic Recertification Guide:

<https://content.nremt.org/static/documents/Recertification%20Guide.pdf>

NREMT Paramedic Recertification Requirements:

<https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/paramedic-recert>

### **Protocol Orientation**

The Protocol Orientation finished the first round of beta testing on November 15th with positive reviews. It is in a second round of beta testing, which is scheduled to end on November 29th.

Discussions on possible release dates will begin in December.

### **State Renewal Courses for ALS**

The requirements to complete the 2020 State Renewal courses has been pushed back to March 31, 2022. ALS clinicians will have until this date to complete the content.

The three in-person renewal courses have been converted to an additional online format so that they can be completed in either in-person or online.

An updated memo from Dr. Chizmar on the requirements is attached.

### **Field Training Officer Training Program**

The Field Training Officer Training Program will begin planning in December. Those interested in participating should contact Melissa Meyers.

A link to schedule the first meeting was sent to the EMSOPs who previously indicated interest. Members of the ALS Subcommittee should use the Doodle poll below to indicate availability for the first meeting.

[https://doodle.com/poll/z52xz58iisgu7n9s?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/z52xz58iisgu7n9s?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

### **Membership**

Per Dr. Fillmore, anyone can be a member of the ALS Subcommittee. Please let Melissa Meyers know if there is someone who should be added to the list or have them contact her to be added to the contact list.

## **New business**

### **Educational program access to hospital clinical sites - Robert Muller**

There are widespread issues with paramedic students not being allowed into clinical sites at the hospitals. Some programs do not have any hospital and/or field clinical access or access is limited.

Rae Oliviera reported that one reason is because hospitals are closed to visitors, which affects clinical rotations.

Pete Fiackos polled all college programs last week to determine how wide-spread this issue is. There are no updates on how to fix this problem at this time.

Luis Pinet-Peralta suggested that any program coordinators with problems reach out to their regional administrators to let them know so that the administrators can reach out to the base station hospitals about the situation as well.

## **Announcements**

### **ALS Clinicians on extension**

Anyone who did not recertify by 10/31/2020 was automatically extended to 11/30/2020. MIEMSS will continue to place clinicians on month-to-month extensions for the duration of the state of emergency. Additional 6-month extensions are no longer available.

A memo was sent to all clinicians affected. This memo is attached.

Encourage everyone who can recertify to recertify. They do not need to wait until the state of emergency is over.

Anyone who planned to let their license lapse in April 2020 due to retiring, leaving the field, etc., is still on an extension. All non-renewed licenses will remain valid until 30 days after the state of emergency is over. Those not planning to renew should submit a request to surrender.

**The next ALS Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.**

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Diane Flint. Tina Clark seconded this motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

### **Appendices**

**A. Attendees**

**B. Memo from Dr. Chizmar: 2020 State Content Courses for ALS Renewals (UPDATE- 11/2/2020)**

**C. Memo: Information and Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Expiration of EMS Licenses and Certifications**

## **A. Attendees**

### Google Meet:

Melissa Meyers

Robert Muller

Jamie Philpott

Colleen Lull

Diane Flint

Marianne Warehime

Doug Beitzel

Brian Christopher

Chris Touzeau

Rae Oliviera

Matt Larrabee

Alex Kelley

Randy Stair

Luis Pinet-Peralta

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To: ALS Clinicians  
Highest Jurisdictional Officials  
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From: Timothy Chizmar, MD, FACEP  
State EMS Medical Director

Date: November 2, 2020

RE: 2020 State Content Courses for ALS Renewals (UPDATE- 11/2/2020)

Every two years, QA/QI trends across the state are evaluated in an effort to improve EMS clinician knowledge and skills. Using this information, the ALS Committee has developed mandatory training for all advanced life support (ALS) clinicians. This continuing education must be completed by March 31, 2022. The deadline for all ALS clinicians (CRTs and Paramedics) has been extended due COVID-19.

A total of fifteen (15) hours of continuing education are required to meet the National Registry State/Local recertification requirement for ALS clinicians. In Maryland, ten (10) of these hours must consist of state-level mandatory training. All ten hours are now available in online format. The final three courses below may be taken in-person or online.

The remaining five (5) hours of State/Local continuing education should be completed according to EMS operational program requirements.

Online Courses (located in the online training center):

- Pediatric Seizures (1 hour)
- Anaphylaxis (0.5 hour)
- EMS Health & Wellness (1 hour)
- Patient Technology (2 hours)
- Annual Protocol Updates (1.5 hours)
- Behavioral Health (1 hour)
- Prehospital Sepsis Management (1 hour) – in-person or online
- Cultural Competency: Transgender Patients (1 hour) – in-person or online
- End-tidal Capnography for Differential Diagnosis (1 hour) – in-person or online

The online courses are now available in the MIEMSS Online Training Center ([www.emsonlinetraining.org](http://www.emsonlinetraining.org)). In addition, the train-the-trainer module has also been posted in the Online Training Center for those EMS instructors who wish to be designated by their EMS Operational Program to teach in-person courses. Guidance on obtaining instructor access to the in-person course content is attached.

Attachments:

Instructor Verification for EMSOPs



## **Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems**

### **Obtaining Access to the 2020 State Content for ALS Renewals In-Person Courses**

- Complete the Train-the-Trainer in the Online Training Center for the 2020 State Content for ALS Renewals for In-Person Courses
- Have your EMS Operational Program submit the attached form for verification of support for you to be granted access to these courses as an instructor
- You will receive an email asking you to activate your account for the Instructor's Corner
- Once logged into the Instructor's Corner, follow the instructions in the Train-the-Trainer to be granted access to the course materials



# Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

## Instructor Verification: 2020 State Content for ALS Renewals In-Person Courses

(Please submit completed forms to Melissa Meyers at [mmeyers@miemss.org](mailto:mmeyers@miemss.org))

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Full Name

MIEMSS Clinician Number

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Email Address

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EMS operational program (EMSOP)

This candidate is a paramedic in good standing within this EMSOP.

This candidate is authorized to teach ALS clinicians for this EMSOP.

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Authorization Printed Name

Date

Authorization Signature



## Information and Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Expiration of EMS Licenses and Certifications

Pursuant to Governor Hogan's Order Number 20-06-19-01, dated June 19, 2020, the expiration date of all licenses and certifications issued by the State of Maryland is extended until the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

All EMS clinicians are encouraged to renew prior to their expiration date. Further, EMS clinicians are expected to continue to meet the standards for professional conduct which includes completion of continuing education and other requirements for renewal consistent with their current license or certification cycle.

MIEMSS is issuing this FAQ to clarify the impact of the Governor's order on EMS licenses and certifications and when MIEMSS may grant an extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J.

Please note that a license or certification issued after any extension, including the extension under the Governor's order and any extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J, will be for a term starting from the original expiration date for your current license or certification cycle.

Answers to specific questions regarding how this impacts your EMS license or certification are below.

Q. I am a paramedic or CRT and the original expiration date for my current license cycle is April 30, 2020. When will my license expire?

A. If you don't renew, or request an extension, your license will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends. In the meantime, your license will be extended on a month-to-month basis. After you complete the requirements for renewal, your new license will expire April 30, 2022. For information about the National Registry requirements see: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/covid-19>

Q. I am a paramedic or CRT and the original expiration date for my current license cycle is April 30, 2020. May I request an extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J?

A. Yes, if you submit your request before October 31, 2020, you may receive a 6-month extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J. Your license will then expire April 30, 2021 or 30 days after the end of the State of Emergency, whichever is later. Note that upon renewal, the new license will expire April 30, 2022.

Q. I am an EMT, EMR or EMD and the original expiration date for my current certification cycle is December 31, 2019. When does my certification expire?

A. If you don't renew, your certification will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends or December 31, 2020, whichever is later. In the meantime, your certification will be extended on a month-to-month basis. After you complete the requirements for renewal, your new certification will expire December 31, 2022.

Q. I am an EMT, EMR, or EMD and the original expiration date for my current certification cycle is December 31, 2019. May I request an extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J?

A. No. Your certification will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends or December 31, 2020, whichever is later.

Q. I am an EMT, EMR or EMD and the original expiration date for my current certification cycle is June 30, 2020. When does my certification expire?

A. If you don't renew or request an extension, your certification will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends or December 31, 2020, whichever is later. In the meantime, your certification will be extended on a month-to-month basis. After you complete the requirements for renewal, your new certification will expire June 30, 2023.

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