

PUBLIC NOTICE - #4

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This notice is given by Clay Stamp, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Board and Dr. Theodore Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 19, 2020 entitled "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce", as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, and further that these actions will augment the emergency medical services workforce, in particular Emergency Medical Dispatchers who are critical to triaging Covid-19 calls; and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

- 1) Provisional Licenses: The procedures in COMAR 30.02.02.06 are further modified from the Public Notice of March 31, 2020, to permit provisional licenses to be issued under the requirements set forth below, which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- 2) Reciprocal Licensure for Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMDs): The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirement for issuance of reciprocal licensure and will use a provisional license to an EMD applicant who otherwise meets the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
 - a. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04 A (3) that an applicant for EMD license be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program providing at least the level of services for which the individual is seeking reciprocal licensure.
- 3) Reinstatement: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirements for reinstatement in COMAR 30.02.02.09 B, C, D and E and will issue a provisional EMD license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.09 which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded as follows:
 - a. Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD) License to individuals whose Maryland EMD license expired within the past five years.

- 4) Inactive Status: The EMS Board's and MIEMSS' suspension of the requirements for return to active status in COMAR 30.02.02.08 (C) effective March 31, 2020 applies to EMDs.
- 5) Students: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirements for initial EMD licensure in COMAR 30.02.02.03G(3), (4), and (5), and will issue a provisional EMD license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.03 which shall be valid from the date of issue until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded as follows:
 - a. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03G (3) that an applicant for EMD license be affiliated with an EMD operational program that has been approved by the EMS Board.
 - b. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03G (5) that, within the previous 18 months prior to applying for a license, an applicant successfully complete a health care provider level cardiopulmonary resuscitation course, or if disability prevents performance of the practical portion of the exam, successful completion of the didactic portion of the course and the course written exam.

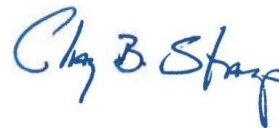
Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.02 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Date: April 7, 2020



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