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Subject: December 2016 Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Renewal Cycle

The December 2016 BLS provider renewal cycle marks the first use of the new electronic MIEMSS Licensure System for processing EMS providers for recertification. All EMR and EMT providers who are scheduled to lapse on, or are extended to, December 31, 2016, are being processed through the new electronic MIEMSS Licensure System. We have experienced an identified software glitch that has delayed a small number of providers receiving their renewal cards in a timely manner and we are currently working to resolve this issue.

Historically, MIEMSS builds in two weeks following the end of the certification period to allow for processing refresher and skills courses completed near the end of the certification period. For example, an EMT refresher course completed on December 27, 2016 will have the class roster arriving at MIEMSS on January 3, 2017. This would count towards the EMT provider's recertification cycle (01/01/2014- 12/31/2016). MIEMSS has an internal two-week processing period that ends January 15th to assure all providers receive appropriate credit for all training that they have completed. All EMR and EMT providers who are scheduled to lapse on, or are extended to, December 31, 2016, will be converted to a certification status of "Lapsed" in the MIEMSS Licensure System on January 16, 2017, if they have not met the training requirements for renewal or have not requested an extension on or before December 31, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal status of a provider within your jurisdiction, or aware of a provider who should have received a renewal card and has not, contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at 410-706-3666 for verification of provider certification status. You may also email a list of such providers and their MIEMSS identification numbers to me at roliveira@miemss.org and I will promptly verify the provider certification status of the individuals identified.

Please share this with your training officers and other personnel who are tracking provider certification statuses.

The Office of Licensure and Certification is working diligently to issue renewal cards to all EMR and EMT providers who have met the training requirements.

Thank you for your patience as MIEMSS works to improve the Licensure System.