



EMS Special Memorandum - #20-005

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To: Mendocino/ Sonoma County EMS Providers and System Stakeholders

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Re: Prehospital Credentialing Update

The intent of this memo is to provide prehospital personnel and agency partners with an update on Coastal Valleys EMS Agency (CVEMSA) EMT certification renewal and paramedic accreditation processes.

On May 18, 2020 the California EMS Authority (EMSA) released directives to Local EMS Agencies consistent with California Executive Order N-39-20 intended to ensure the continued operation of the EMS System during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Licensure and certification waivers

EMSA took the following action relative to EMT certificates and paramedic licenses:

- EMT certificate and paramedic licensure and accreditation expiration dates were extended through **July 31, 2020**.
- Waiver of EMT Skills Verification Forms for renewal or reinstatements for the duration of the declared emergency.

In addition to the state-mandated waivers, CVEMSA waived the local ALS Update requirement for those paramedics with initial or renewing accreditations. CVEMSA also waived in person interviews, in person hospital and dispatch orientations for new accredits.

Waivers ending

As of the date of this memo, EMSA has not authorized additional extensions for paramedic license and EMT certificate renewals. **Individuals practicing with EMT certificates or paramedic licenses and accreditation extensions must renew those credentials prior to July 31, 2020** to remain authorized to practice:

Ongoing Waivers

Some of the state and local waivers will remain in effect:

- The waiver for EMT skills verification forms will remain in effect through the duration of the declared emergency as defined by EMSA.
- Local waiver for the ALS update for those paramedics with initial or renewing accreditations will remain in effect until further notice.
- Waiver of Field evaluation interviews with LEMSA staff, as well as in person hospital and dispatch orientations for new accredits will also continue until further notice.

Please direct any questions regarding this memo or any certification or accreditation question to either James Salvante at james.salvante@sonoma-county.org or Theresa Lombardi at theresa.lombardi@sonoma-county.org