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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
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SUBJECT: BLS-CPR and ACLS Cards

Applications for credentialing of EMS field personnel (EMT/AEMT initial certification and recertification, EMT-P initial accreditation and reverification, and MICN authorization) require a valid BLS-CPR and/or ACLS card. Due to the precautionary measures in place to control the spread of COVID-19, many applicants are having trouble renewing cards.

Effective immediately, ICEMA is extending recognition of BLS-CPR or ACLS cards for a period of 60 days beyond the renewal date of the card. This extension only applies to the BLS-CPR or ACLS cards. Applications for EMT/AEMT certification/recertification, EMT-P accreditation/reverification or MICN authorization must be processed prior to expiration. After 60 days, all EMS field personnel using extended CPR-BLS or ACLS cards must renew them.

The 60-day extension only applies to the extension of the BLS-CPR or ACLS cards for application purposes and all EMS field personnel are advised to follow their employer's requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ron Holk, RN, EMS Coordinator, at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at ron.holk@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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