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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft; PLNs

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SUBJECT: EMS CREDENTIALING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

ICEMA continues to evolve our EMS clinical care guidance in response to COVID-19 as Federal and State recommendations are updated. ICEMA recognizes and acknowledges the difficulty for EMS field personnel to obtain certain credentialing requirements due to restrictions imposed by the continuing COVID-19 declared emergency.

Beginning August 1, 2020, ICEMA is implementing an indefinite temporary suspension on the following requirements for EMTs, AEMTs, EMT-Ps and MICNs.

- A valid American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card or equivalent.
- A valid American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life support (ACLS) card.

This temporary suspension of requirements does not apply to initial applicants with no prior EMS certification.

EMTs, AEMTs and EMT-Ps shall be allowed to perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites, in-home settings, and any additional settings approved by the Director of the EMS Authority for purposes of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon the termination of this temporary suspension, EMS field personnel will have ninety (90) days to obtain these requirements. This suspension only applies to ICEMA required credentialing. An EMS provider or hospital may choose to require their employees to maintain certifications.

EMS field personnel may be required to complete the full class instead of the refresher class. EMS providers may need to anticipate the need for additional provider classes if its personnel choose to let their cards expire. Refer to American Heart Association or American Red Cross guidelines for more information.

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The State EMS Authority (EMSA) is maintaining the following recommendations:

- EMT, AEMT and EMT-P certifications expiring after July 31, 2020, will not be granted extensions based on the fact there are multiple online options to obtain instructor lead CEs.
- BLS skills verification will continue to be waived until the COVID-19 emergency is over. (This will be determined by NREMT resuming their requirement to require psychomotor testing.)

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Holk, RN, EMS Coordinator, at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at ron.holk@cao.sbcounty.gov

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