

MIEMSS Actions During COVID-19

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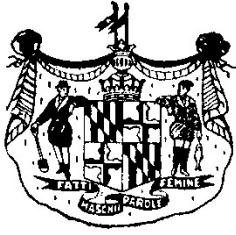
The EMS Board and MIEMSS issued five Public Notices taking action under the additional authority granted by Governor Hogan in the Declaration of Proclamation of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency. Under Governor Hogan's "[Termination and Rescission of the Proclamation of the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID-19](#)", these orders expired at on February 3, 2022, unless otherwise noted. ([Summary of Actions Taken](#))

- [Notice 2022-01 - Administration of Vaccinations](#)
Issued: 1/5/2022; Expired: 2/3/2022
- [Notice 2022-02 - Testing Before Completion of Internship Issued:](#)
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- [Notice 2022-03 - Extension of Licenses and Certificates](#)
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- [Notice 2022-04 - Provisional Certificates and Licenses](#)
Issued: 1/7/2022; Corrected: 1/13/2022
- [Notice 2022-04 \(Corrected\) - Provisional Certificates and Licenses](#)
Issued: 1/13/2022; Expired: 2/3/2022
- [Notice 2022-05 - Clinical Externs, Expired 2/3/2022](#)
Issued: 1/7/2022; Expired: 2/3/2022

EMS Board & MIEMSS Actions Taken during the COVID-19 State of Emergency Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order ([EO# 20-03-19-03](#)), "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce".

The EMS Board and MIEMSS issued nine Public Notices taking action under the additional authority granted by Governor Hogan in his emergency orders. Under Governor Hogan's "Termination Roadmap" ([EO# 21-06-15-01](#)), these orders expired August 15, 2021, unless otherwise noted. ([Summary of Actions Taken](#))

- [Notice #1 - Provisional Certificates and Licenses](#)
Issued: 3/26/2020; Expired: 8/15/2021
- [Notice #2 - Clinical Externs](#)
Issued: 4/2/2020; Amended: 6/4/2021
- [Notice #2 \(Amended\) - Clinical Externs](#)
Issued: 6/4/2021; Expired: 9/15/2021
- [Notice #3 - Commercial Ambulance Licensing](#)
Issued: 4/7/2020; Expired: 9/15/2021
- [Notice #4 - Provisional Licenses](#)
Issued: 4/7/2020; Expired: 8/15/2021
- [Notice #5 - Psychomotor Testing](#)
Issued: 6/19/2020; Expired: 8/15/2021
- [Notice #6 - Administration of Vaccinations](#)
Issued: 9/10/20; Amended: 1/20/2021
- [Notice #6 \(Amended\) - Admin. of Vaccinations](#)
Issued: 1/20/2021; Expired: 8/15/2021
- [Notice #7 - Providing Medical Care at Alt. Care Sites](#)
Issued: 10/23/2020; Expired: 8/15/2021
- [Notice #8 - Extension of Licenses and Certificates](#)
Issued: 3/19/2021; Expired: 8/15/2021
- [Notice #9 - Commercial Ambulance Crew Config](#)
Issued: 5/3/2021; Expired: October 15, 2021



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

NUMBER 22-01-04-02

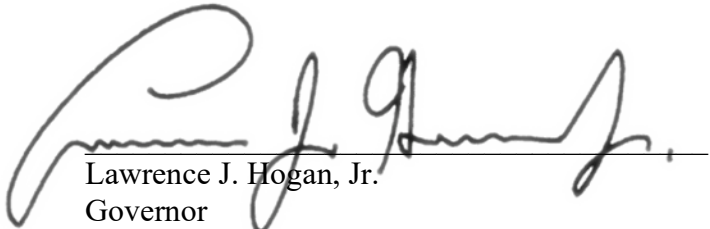
AUGMENTING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WORKFORCE

- WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency were proclaimed on January 4, 2022 to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;
- WHEREAS, Emergency medical services providers are needed to respond to the state of emergency and medical consequences of the catastrophic health emergency;
- WHEREAS, To respond to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, licensing, certification, and credentialing of emergency medical services providers must be modified to expand the practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations of those who already hold a Maryland license and those who are licensed or certified in other states;
- WHEREAS, To expand such practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations, and protect the public health, welfare, and safety, it is necessary to suspend certain State and local statutes, rules, and regulations regarding licensing, certification, and credentialing of emergency medical services providers;
- WHEREAS, It is necessary that emergency medical services providers that hold licenses, certifications, or other permits issued by other states and that demonstrate the appropriate professional, mechanical, or other qualifications or skills be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in Maryland to render aid during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency; and
- WHEREAS, It is necessary that emergency medical services providers be authorized to perform acts, tasks, or functions while supervised by health care practitioners licensed in Maryland during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. After providing notice to the Governor, and subject to Sec. II of this Order, the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (the “Executive Director”) and chairperson of the State Emergency Medical Services Board (the “Chairperson”) may suspend the effect of any provision of §§ 13-515, 13-516, or 13-517 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code (“ED”), or of Title 30 of the Code of Maryland Regulations, upon a finding that such suspension will:
 - a. Not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety;
 - b. Augment the emergency medical services workforce; and
 - c. Improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.
- II. The suspension of a provision of ED § 13-516 shall be:
 - a. Clinically appropriate; and
 - b. Necessary to provide services relating to:
 - i. The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or
 - ii. The evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.
- III. The Executive Director and Chairperson may issue additional, revised, or supplemental procedures or protocols concerning licensure, certification, or scope of practice as necessary to appropriately respond to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.
- IV. This Order remains effective until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.
- V. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended to the extent of the inconsistency.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022, AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.


Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

STATE OF MARYLAND



Termination and Rescission of the Proclamation of the State of Emergency
and Catastrophic Health Emergency — COVID-19

WHEREAS, On January 4, 2022, in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID19, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed within the entire State of Maryland pursuant to the Maryland Constitution and Laws of Maryland, including but not limited to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article;

WHEREAS, Since the declaration of a state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health emergency on January 4, 2022, the statewide 7-day positivity rate peaked at 29.98% on January 5, 2022, has since dropped to 7.68% as of February 1, 2022, a decrease of 74%;

WHEREAS, Maryland has one of the lowest positivity rates in the country, with the testing positivity rate dropping 72% and the case rate down 84%;

WHEREAS, Maryland's hospitalizations have decreased by 1,943, more than half from the peak of 3,462 on January 11, 2022, to 1,519 as of February 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, Maryland's hospitals currently have adequate resources and space to treat all Marylanders; and

WHEREAS, As of February 3, 2022, the emergency has been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no longer exist, the state of emergency no longer exists, and the catastrophic health emergency no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY NO LONGER EXISTS, TERMINATE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND RESCIND THE JANUARY 4, 2022, PROCLAMATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AS OF 11:59 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 3, 2022.

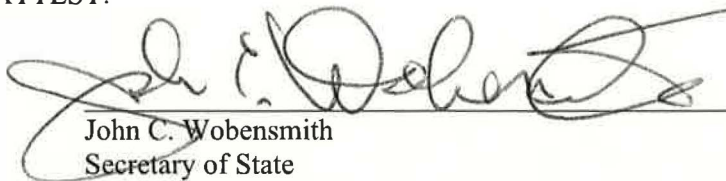


Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State
of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 3rd day of
February, 2022.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:



John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State

Summary of Actions Taken Under the COVID -19 State of Emergency, 2022.

The EMS Board and MIEMSS issued five Public Notices taking action under the additional authority granted by Governor Hogan in the Declaration of Proclamation of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency, and Governor's Order 22-01-04-02, "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce, issued on January 4, 2022. On February 3, 2022, Governor Hogan issued a Termination and Rescission of the Proclamation of the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID-19. Accordingly, the actions taken by MIEMSS and the EMS Board expired at midnight on February 3 unless otherwise noted.

Public Notice 2022-1 allowed EMTs and CRTS to vaccinate the public under appropriate supervision. This action expired February 3, 2022. However, under the current statute paramedics may continue to administer flu and COVID-19 vaccines to the public under certain circumstances.

Public Notice 2022-2 allowed EMT psychomotor testing to occur after completing the cognitive Exam. While this action expired on February 3, 2022, MIEMSS and the EMS Board are promulgating an amendment to the regulations to make this a permanent change.

Public Notice 2022-3 extended any Emergency Medical Responder or Emergency Medical Technician certificate that would otherwise have expired on December 30 or December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Additionally, it provided extended an extended period to complete requirements to transition from provisional to full. Specifically, individuals who received a provisional license or certificate prior to August 15, 2021 will have until May 11, 2022 to complete the requirements to transition.

Public Notice 2022-4 created an expedited path for individuals to obtain provisional EMS certification or licensure to augment the EMS response during the emergency. Provisional EMS Clinicians must complete the requirements for full credentials by May 11, 2022 if provisional status was received prior to August 12, 2021, or by November 30, 2022 if the provisional status was received after January 4, 2022. Provisional EMS clinicians may continue to function while they complete these requirements. MIEMSS and the EMS Board are promulgating regulations to

provide a path for full credentialing for new provisional EMS clinicians and extending the time frame for individuals who obtained provisional status under the prior declared emergency.

Public Notice 2022-5 created a registry within MIEMSS to credential Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Clinical Externs to allow them to practice in a limited capacity during the emergency. This notice expired February 3, 2022.

2022 PUBLIC NOTICE - #1

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 January 4, 2022 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 NUMBER 22-01-04-02 of the Governor dated January 4, 2022 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; and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

Administration of Vaccinations. Under Education Article Section 13-516(G) a paramedic may administer certain immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing under certain conditions.

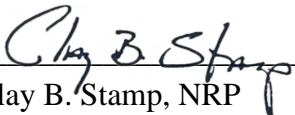
In addition, subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, and approval by the State EMS Medical Director, Emergency Medical Technicians, Cardiac Rescue Technicians and Paramedics may administer seasonal influenza and Corona Virus vaccines and boosters under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director as part of an EMS clinician occupational health program or part of a public health outreach effort coordinated by a local health department or Maryland Hospital or Health System, until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. .

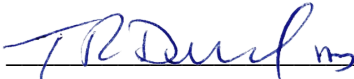
This action is clinically appropriate; and necessary to provide services relating to: The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or the evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30 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: January 5, 2022


 Clay B. Stamp, NRP
 EMS Board, Chairman


 Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
 MIEMSS, Executive Director

Note: MIEMSS and the EMS Board are promulgating an amendment to the regulations to make this a permanent change.

2022 PUBLIC NOTICE #2

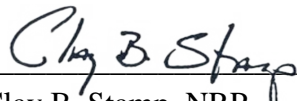
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Timing of Testing: COMAR 30.02.02.03, which stipulates that an EMT candidate complete an approved field internship prior to cognitive and practical certification examination, is modified to the extent that the cognitive and practical certification examination may occur before the required internship is complete. In such cases, certification will be granted after successful completion of an approved EMT course, cognitive examination, practical examination, and field internship.

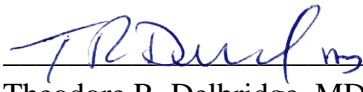
Any effect of Education Article Section 13-515 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.09 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

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: January 6, 2022



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
EMS Board, Chairman



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
MIEMSS, Executive Director

2022 PUBLIC NOTICE #3

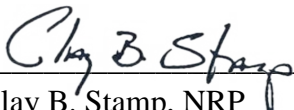
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- a) Extension of Licenses and Certificates: COMAR 30.02.02.06 is modified to provide for extended license and certificate terms. Specifically, COMAR 30.02.06H is modified to the extent that any Emergency Medical Responder or Emergency Medical Technician certificate that would otherwise have expired on December 30 or December 31, 2021 is retroactively extended to June 30, 2022.
- b) Extended Period to Complete Requirements to Transition from Provisional to Full: COMAR 30.02.02.13 is modified to extend the period to complete requirements to transition from provisional certification or licensure to full certification or licensure. Specifically, COMAR 30.02.02.13(A-F) are modified to provide individuals who received a provisional license or certificate prior to August 15, 2021 until May 11, 2022 to complete the requirements to transition.

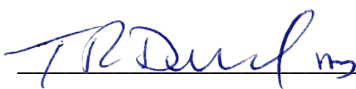
Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.02 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

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: January 7, 2022



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
EMS Board, Chairman



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
MIEMSS, Executive Director

2022 PUBLIC NOTICE #4

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 January 4, 2022 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 NUMBER 22-01-04-02 of the Governor dated January 4, 2022 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; 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 modified to allow for provisional certificates and licenses to be issued under the requirements modified below, which shall be valid from the date of issue until November 30, 2022
- 2) Reciprocal Licensure and Certification: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for issuance of reciprocal licensure and certification and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 which shall be valid from the date of issue until November 30, 2022
 - a. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04A(3) that an applicant for reciprocal certification or licensure be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program providing at least the level of services for which the individual is seeking reciprocal licensure or certification.
 - b. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04C(2) that an applicant for reciprocal certification as an emergency medical technician have successfully completed a 12-hour skills refresher course approved by MIEMSS; or a protocol review and system orientation, including skills check-off, as approved by MIEMSS. Additionally, the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 C are modified to allow an applicant for EMT to submit evidence of current certification as an advanced-emergency medical technician (A-EMT) in another state if that state follows the national standards or registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an A-EMT.
 - c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.04D(2), and (3) that an applicant for reciprocal licensure as a Paramedic successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session; and pass a paramedic protocol examination approved by MIEMSS.

- d. 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) Inactive Status: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.08 that an individual who has been on inactive status for a period greater than 1 year, be affiliated with an EMS operational program, and attend a skills review session approved by MIEMSS, or conducted by an approved ALS training program. C (2) and (3)
 - 4) Reinstatement: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirements for reinstatement in COMAR 30.02.02.0-9 B, C, D and E and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.09 which shall be valid from the date of issue until November 30, 2022 as follows:
 - a. Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Certification to individuals whose Maryland EMR certification expired within the past ten years.
 - b. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification to individuals whose Maryland EMT certification expired within the past ten years.
 - c. Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) Licensure to individuals whose Maryland CRT license has expired within the past five years.
 - d. Maryland Paramedic Licensure to individuals whose Paramedic license has expired within the past five years.
 - e. Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD) License to individuals whose Maryland EMD license expired within the past five years.
 - 5) Students: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for initial certification and licensure in COMAR 30.02.02.03 and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who completed their EMS education requirements after February 1, 2021 and otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.03 which shall be valid from the date of issue until November 30, 2022.
 - a. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03C (2) and (3) that an applicant for initial certification as an EMR applicant has successfully completed the practical certification examination administered in conjunction with the emergency medical responder course; and has passed an emergency medical responder written certification examination administered by an EMS educational program approved by the EMS Board.
 - b. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03D (2), (3), (4), and (5), that an applicant for initial certification as an EMT has successfully completed an internship approved by MIEMSS, passed an emergency medical technician written certification examination approved by MIEMSS, successfully completed the

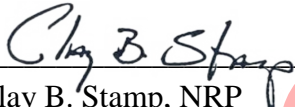
emergency medical technician practical certification examination administered by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.

- c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03F(3), (4), (5), and (6), that an applicant for initial certification as a Paramedic submit evidence of current active status registration as a paramedic with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session approved by MIEMSS; have passed a written paramedic licensure examination approved by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.
- d. 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.

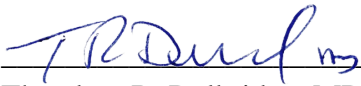
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Date: January 7, 2022



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
EMS Board, Chairman



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
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AMENDED 2022 PUBLIC NOTICE #4

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- 1) Provisional Licenses: The procedures in COMAR 30.02.02.06 are modified to allow for provisional certificates and licenses to be issued under the requirements modified below, which shall be valid from the date of issue until November 30, 2022
- 2) Reciprocal Licensure and Certification: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for issuance of reciprocal licensure and certification and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 which shall be valid from the date of issue until November 30, 2022
 - a. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04A(3) that an applicant for reciprocal certification or licensure be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program providing at least the level of services for which the individual is seeking reciprocal licensure or certification.
 - b. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04C(2) that an applicant for reciprocal certification as an emergency medical technician have successfully completed a 12-hour skills refresher course approved by MIEMSS; or a protocol review and system orientation, including skills check-off, as approved by MIEMSS. Additionally, the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 C are modified to allow an applicant for EMT to submit evidence of current certification as an advanced-emergency medical technician (A-EMT) in another state if that state follows the national standards or registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an A-EMT.
 - c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.04E(2), and (3) that an applicant for reciprocal licensure as a Paramedic successfully complete a Maryland protocol

review session; and pass a paramedic protocol examination approved by MIEMSS.

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- 3) Inactive Status: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.08 that an individual who has been on inactive status for a period greater than 1 year, be affiliated with an EMS operational program, and attend a skills review session approved by MIEMSS, or conducted by an approved ALS training program. C (2) and (3)
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- a. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03C (2) and (3) that an applicant for initial certification as an EMR applicant has successfully completed the practical certification examination administered in conjunction with the emergency medical responder course; and has passed an emergency medical

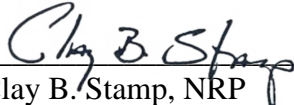
responder written certification examination administered by an EMS educational program approved by the EMS Board.

- b. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03D (2), (3), (4), and (5), that an applicant for initial certification as an EMT has successfully completed an internship approved by MIEMSS, passed an emergency medical technician written certification examination approved by MIEMSS, successfully completed the emergency medical technician practical certification examination administered by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.
- c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03F(3), (4), (5), and (6), that an applicant for initial certification as a Paramedic submit evidence of current active status registration as a paramedic with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session approved by MIEMSS; have passed a written paramedic licensure examination approved by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.
- d. 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.

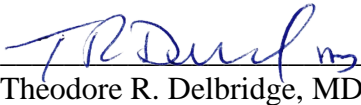
Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.02 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

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: January 7, 2022



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
EMS Board, Chairman



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
MIEMSS, Executive Director

2022 PUBLIC NOTICE #5

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 January 4, 2022 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 NUMBER 22-01-04-02 of the Governor dated January 4, 2022 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; and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

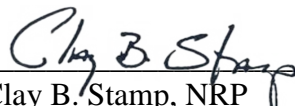
1) Clinical Externs:

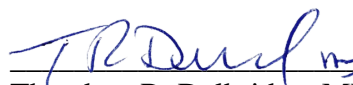
- a. The definitions in COMAR 30.02.01.01B are modified to include a definition for "Clinical Extern" which shall mean a health sciences student who has been registered by MIEMSS to augment the clinical workforce and will function under the supervision of a Maryland licensed health professional, and for "Health Sciences Student" which shall mean a student at a Maryland accredited school of nursing, medicine or respiratory therapy.
- b. The procedures in COMAR 30.02.02.06 are modified to allow certain health sciences students who have met certain educational criteria to be registered by MIEMSS and MIEMSS to maintain a registry of clinical externs.
- c. COMAR 30.02.03.01B is modified to add "C. Registered clinical externs shall function under the direct supervision of a Maryland licensed health professional and provide care in accordance with their training and to the extent their supervisor determines their competency."

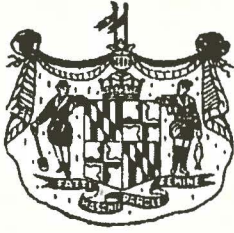
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Date: January 7, 2022


 Clay B. Stamp, NRP
 EMS Board, Chairman


 Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
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The State of Maryland
Executive Department

ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

NUMBER 20-03-19-03

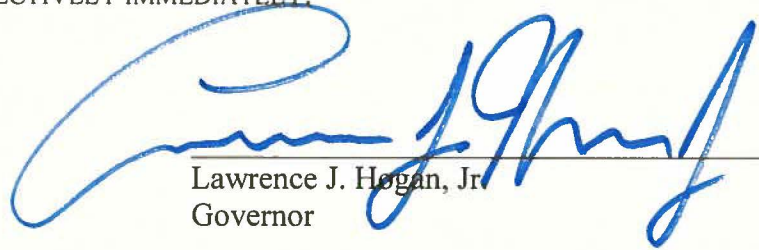
AUGMENTING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WORKFORCE

- WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 16, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;
- WHEREAS, Emergency medical services providers are needed to respond to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;
- WHEREAS, To respond to the catastrophic health emergency, licensing, certification, and credentialing of emergency medical services providers must be modified to expand the practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations of those who already hold a Maryland license and those who are licensed or certified in other states;
- WHEREAS, To expand such practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations, and protect the public health, welfare, and safety, it is necessary to suspend certain State and local statutes, rules, and regulations regarding licensing, certification, and credentialing of emergency medical services providers;
- WHEREAS, It is necessary that emergency medical services providers that hold licenses, certifications, or other permits issued by other states and that demonstrate the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in Maryland to render aid during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency; and
- WHEREAS, It is necessary that emergency medical services providers be authorized to perform acts, tasks, or functions while supervised by health care practitioners licensed in Maryland during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;

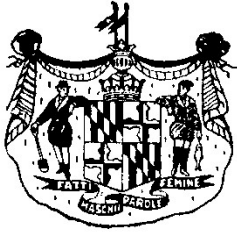
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. After providing notice to the Governor, and subject to Sec. II of this Order, the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (the “Executive Director”) and chairperson of the State Emergency Medical Services Board (the “Chairperson”) may suspend the effect of any provision of §§ 13-515, 13-516, or 13-517 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code (“ED”), or of Title 30 of the Code of Maryland Regulations, upon a finding that such suspension will:
 - a. Not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety;
 - b. Augment the emergency medical services workforce; and
 - c. Improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.
- II. The suspension of a provision of ED § 13-516 shall be:
 - a. Clinically appropriate; and
 - b. Necessary to provide services relating to:
 - i. The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or
 - ii. The evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.
- III. The Executive Director and Chairperson may issue additional, revised, or supplemental procedures or protocols concerning licensure, certification, or scope of practice as necessary to appropriately respond to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.
- IV. This Order remains effective until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.
- V. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

NUMBER 21-06-15-01

TERMINATING VARIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, April 10, May 6, June 3, July 1, July 31, August 10, September 8, October 6, October 29, November 25, and December 23, 2020, and January 21, February 19, March 18, April 16, May 12 and June 12, 2021, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. Termination of Certain Orders, Effective July 1, 2021. Each of the orders listed below in this section I shall be rescinded and of no further effect as of 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021:
 - a. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-05-14-01, entitled "Amending and Restating the Order of May 12, 2021, Requiring Use of Face Coverings in Certain Circumstances";
 - b. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, dated March 12, 2020, entitled "For the Implementation of Elevated Level II of Pandemic Flu and Other Infectious Diseases Attendance and Leave Policy for Executive Branch State Employees";
 - c. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-12-17-01, entitled "Authorizing Quarantine and/or Testing of Travelers";
 - d. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-05-12-02, entitled "Amending and Restating Order No. 20-05-29-01, Enabling Alternative Alcohol Services";

- e. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-06-11-01, entitled “Authorizing Suspension of Alcoholic Beverage License Fees”;
- f. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-04-01-01, entitled “Amending and Restating Order No. 20-03-20-01 to Further Authorize Additional Telehealth Services”;
- g. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-04-14-01, entitled “Preserving the Supply of Necessary Drugs”;
- h. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-11-17-03, entitled “Implementing Alternative Correctional Detention and Supervision”;
- i. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-04-29-03, entitled “Prohibiting Garnishment of CARES Act Recovery Rebates”;
- j. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-03-15-01, entitled “Prohibiting Garnishment of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Rebates”;
- k. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-23-02, entitled “Initiating a Process for Authorization of Laboratories in Maryland to Develop and Perform COVID-19 Testing”;
- l. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-31-01, entitled “Adjusting the Timing of Certain Tax Deadlines and Oaths of Office”;
- m. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-31-02, entitled “Determining that Disability Services Personnel are Health Care Providers Necessary for Maryland’s Response to COVID-19”;
- n. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 2020-05-13-02, entitled “Enabling Alternative Processes for Marriage Applications and Ceremonies”;
- o. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-25-01, entitled “Amending and Restating the Order of March 13, 2020, Controlling Child Care Access”;
- p. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-01-28-02, entitled “Facilitating Meetings of Stockholders of Maryland Corporations and Meetings of Shareholders of Maryland Real Estate Investment Trusts by Remote Communication”;
- q. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-30-03, entitled “Enabling Municipalities to Postpone Elections”; and
- r. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-12-17-03, entitled “Exempting Santa Claus and His Affiliated Elves and Reindeer from Traveler Testing and Quarantine Requirements”.

II. Termination of Certain Orders, Effective August 15, 2021. Each of the orders listed below in this section II shall be rescinded and of no further effect as of 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2021:

- a. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-05-12-03, entitled “Delaying Expiration of Certain Motor Vehicle Administration Licenses, Permits, and Identification Cards”;
- b. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-12-17-02, entitled “Amending and Restating the Order Dated October 16, 2020, Temporarily Prohibiting Evictions of Tenants Suffering Substantial Loss of Income Due to COVID-19, and Additionally Prohibiting Certain Repossessions, Restricting Initiation of Residential Mortgage Foreclosures, and Prohibiting Commercial Evictions”;
- c. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland dated March 12, 2020, entitled “Calling the Maryland National Guard into State Active Duty”;
- d. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-04-29-01, entitled “Amending and Restating the Order Dated April 5, 2020 Authorizing Various Actions Related to Nursing Homes and Other Health Care Facilities”;
- e. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-05-19-01, entitled “Authorizing COVID-19 Testing by Licensed Pharmacists”;
- f. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-11-17-02, entitled “Establishing Alternate Care Sites and Authorizing Regulation of Patient Care Space in Health Care Facilities”;
- g. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-01-05-01, entitled “Requiring Reporting of COVID-19 Vaccine Administration”;
- h. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-03-09-02, entitled “Amending and Restating the Order of March 16, 2020 Relating to Various Health Care Matters”;
- i. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-30-02, entitled “Waiving Family Contributions for the Maryland Children’s Health Program”;
- j. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-03-19-03, entitled “Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce”;
- k. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-09-29-02, entitled “Permitting Video and Electronic Maryland Insurance Administration Hearings”;
- l. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-09-29-01, entitled “Amending the Order of March 30, 2020, Authorizing Remote Notarizations”;
- m. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 20-04-10-01, entitled

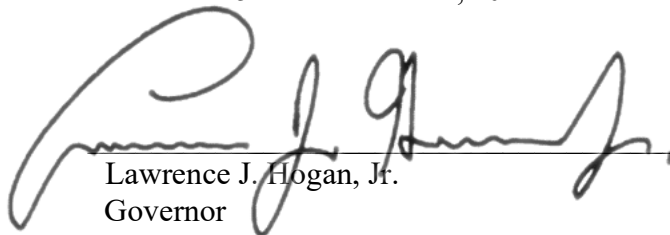
“Authorizing Remote Witnessing and Electronic Signing of Certain Documents”;
and

- n. the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland number 21-03-09-03, entitled “Amending and Restating the Order of June 19, 2020, Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements”.

III. General Provisions.

- a. This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.
- b. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended to the extent of the inconsistency.
- c. The underlined section headings in this Order are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.
- d. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are severable.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Summary of Actions Taken Under the COVID -19 State of Emergency. The EMS Board and MIEMSS issued nine Public Notices taking action under the additional authority granted by Governor Hogan in his emergency orders. Under Governor Hogan’s “Termination Roadmap”, these orders expired August 15, 2021, unless otherwise noted.

Public Notice #1 created an expedited path for individuals to obtain provisional EMS certification or licensure to augment the EMS response during the emergency. More than 1600 individuals became provisional EMS clinicians. MIEMSS and the EMS Board issued regulations to provide path for full credentialing which must be achieved by February 11, 2022. Provisional EMS clinicians may continue to function while they achieve full credentialing.

The regulation for moving from provisional to full status is here:

<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/30/30.02.02.13.htm>

Public Notice #1 also modified to the protocol to allow for an altered crew configuration of Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) teams consisting of a single paramedic. Subsequently, the EMS Board adopted this change to the protocol with a requirement for additional training so it does not expire.

Public Notice #2 created a registry within MIEMSS to credential Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Clinical Externs to allow them to practice in a limited capacity during the emergency. More than 1500 nursing students and more than 100 respiratory care students. This notice expired September 15, 2021.

Public Notice #3 allowed MIEMSS to waive certain personnel requirements for commercial ambulance services as long as the patient needs are met. This was used to allow a nurse/nurse configuration on certain specialty care transports that would have otherwise required a nurse/paramedic configuration. This was scheduled to end on September 15 but the EMS Board has proposed a regulation which would allow for continued waivers and the regulation has been approved on an emergency basis pending adoption. That emergency regulation is here:

<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/30/30.09.04.08.htm>

Public Notice #3 also allowed Maryland licensed commercial ambulance service to use vehicles that were licensed in another state in Maryland with a waiver. This notice expired September 15, 2021.

Public Notice #4 created an expedited path for individuals to obtain provisional EMD licensure during the emergency. Very few individuals became licensed under this provision but they will have until February 11, 2022 to achieve full credentialing under the regulations issued by the EMS Board.

Public Notice #5 allowed EMT psychomotor testing to occur after completing the cognitive exam and expired August 15, 2021.

Public Notice #6 allowed Paramedics and EMTs to vaccinate the public under appropriate supervision. While the notice expired August 15, 2021, MIEMSS sought to change the law regarding paramedics as vaccinators and was successful in the 2021 Legislative Session. Under the statute paramedics may administer flu and COVID-19 vaccines to the public under certain circumstances. Under a separate order issued by the Maryland Department of Health, EMTs and

CRTs have the option to vaccinate as laypeople, not as EMS clinicians, under certain circumstances.

Public Notice #7 permitted EMS clinicians to provide non-EMS care at state-facilitated alternative care sites such as the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital (BCCFH). This notice expired August 15, 2021

Public Notice #8 extended all EMS clinician licenses and certificates that would have otherwise expired in April or June 2021 to October or December 2021, depending on level and remains in effect.

Public Notice #9 allows commercial ambulance services to use non-certified personnel to drive a BLS ambulance if issued a waiver by MIEMSS. These individuals must be licensed by the Public Service Commission and meet certain training requirements. Additionally, the services must provide data so that MIEMSS can assess its effectiveness in expanding commercial ambulance service availability. It expires October 15, 2021. However, the EMS Board has proposed a regulation to allow for continued waivers. The regulation has been approved on an emergency basis pending adoption. That emergency regulation is here:

<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/30/30.09.04.08.htm>



Expired August 15, 2021

Note: The regulations allow full credentialing, must be achieved by February 11, 2022:
<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/30/30.02.02.13.htm>

State of Maryland

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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; 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 modified to allow for provisional certificates and licenses to be issued under the requirements modified 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 and Certification: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for issuance of reciprocal licensure and certification and will issue a provisional certificate or license to applicants who otherwise meet 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 30.02.02.04A(3) that an applicant for reciprocal certification or licensure be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program providing at least the level of services for which the individual is seeking reciprocal licensure or certification.
 - b. The requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.04C(2) that an applicant for reciprocal certification as an emergency medical technician have successfully completed a 12-hour skills refresher course approved by MIEMSS; or a protocol review and system orientation, including skills check-off, as approved by MIEMSS. Additionally, the requirements of COMAR 30.02.02.04 C are modified to allow an applicant for EMT to submit evidence of evidence of current certification as an advanced-emergency medical technician (A-EMT) in another state if that state follows the national standards or registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an A-EMT.

- c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.04D(2), and (3) that an applicant for reciprocal licensure as a Paramedic successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session; and pass a paramedic protocol examination approved by MIEMSS.
- 3) Inactive Status: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirement in COMAR 30.02.02.08 that an individual who has been on inactive status for a period greater than 1 year, be affiliated with an EMS operational program, and attend a skills review session approved by MIEMSS, or conducted by an approved ALS training program. C (2) and (3)
- 4) Reinstatement: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirements for reinstatement in COMAR 30.02.02.0-9 B, C, D and E and will issue a provisional certificate or 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 Response (EMR) Certification to individuals whose Maryland EMR certification expired within the past ten years.
 - b. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification to individuals whose Maryland EMT certification expired within the past ten years.
 - c. Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) Licensure to individuals whose Maryland CRT license has expired within the past five years.
 - d. Maryland Paramedic Licensure to individuals whose Paramedic license has expired within the past five years.
- 5) Students: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the following requirements for initial certification and licensure in COMAR 30.02.02.03 and will issue a provisional certificate or 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:
 - a. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03C (2) and (3) that an applicant for initial certification as an EMR applicant has successfully completed the practical certification examination administered in conjunction with the emergency medical responder course; and has passed an emergency medical responder written certification examination administered by an EMS educational program approved by the EMS Board.
 - b. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03D(2), (3), (4), and (5), that an applicant for initial certification as an EMT has successfully completed an internship approved by MIEMSS, passed an emergency medical technician written certification examination approved by MIEMSS, successfully completed the emergency medical technician practical certification examination administered by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.
 - c. The requirements in COMAR 30.02.02.03F(3), (4), (5), and (6), that an applicant for initial certification as a Paramedic submit evidence of current active status

registration as a paramedic with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session approved by MIEMSS; have passed a written paramedic licensure examination approved by MIEMSS, and be currently affiliated with an EMS operational program.

- 6) Mobile Integrated Health: The Mobile Integrated Community Health Program Optional Supplemental Program, item VR in the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers effective July 1, 2019, is revised as follows 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 MICHPP team consists of a nurse practitioner/registered nurse and experienced Paramedic or, at the option of the Jurisdictional EMS Operational Program or Commercial Ambulance Service, a single experienced Paramedic. The Paramedic may perform an abuse/neglect evaluation, conduct a home safety check, perform vital sign acquisition (i.e., temperature, pulse, RR, BP, pulse oximetry) and the Paramedic may perform the individual assessment, medication reconciliation/compliance, make referrals, interface with the primary health care professional/physician, and make recommendations to the patient.

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: March 26, 2020



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
Chairman, EMS Board



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
MIEMSS, Executive Director



PUBLIC NOTICE
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1) Clinical Externs:

- a. The definitions in COMAR 30.03.01.01B are modified to include a definition for "Clinical Extern" which shall mean a health sciences student who has been credentialed by MIEMSS to augment the clinical workforce and will function under the supervision of a Maryland licensed health professional, and for "Health Sciences Student" which shall mean a student at an accredited school of nursing, medicine or respiratory therapy.
- b. The procedures in COMAR 30.02.02.06 are modified to allow provisional Clinical Extern certificates to be issued to certain health sciences students who have met certain educational criteria to allow them to function as Clinical Externs under the supervision of Maryland licensed health professionals in order to supplement the health care workforce in hospitals and auxiliary treatment sites. The provisional certificate shall be valid until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- c. COMAR 30.02.03.01B is modified to add "C. Clinical externs shall function under the direct supervision of a licensed health professional and provide care in accordance with their training and to the extent their supervisor determines their competency."

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Date: April 2, 2020

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Clay B. Stamp
EMS Board, Chairman

AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE #2

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Clinical Externs:

- a. The definitions in COMAR 30.03.01.01B are modified to include a definition for "Clinical Extern" which shall mean a health sciences student who has been credentialed by MIEMSS to augment the clinical workforce and will function under the supervision of a Maryland licensed health professional, and for "Health Sciences Student" which shall mean a student at an accredited school of nursing, medicine or respiratory therapy.
- b. The procedures in COMAR 30.02.02.06 are modified to allow provisional Clinical Extern certificates to be issued to certain health sciences students who have met certain educational criteria to allow them to function as Clinical Externs under the supervision of Maryland licensed health professionals in order to supplement the health care workforce in hospitals and auxiliary treatment sites. The provisional certificate shall be valid for one year after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- c. COMAR 30.02.03.01B is modified to add "C. Clinical externs shall function under the direct supervision of a licensed health professional and provide care in accordance with their training and to the extent their supervisor determines their competency."

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Date: June 4, 2021

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Clay B. Stamp
EMS Board, Chairman



Expired September 15, 2021

Note: Personnel Requirement Waivers Extended by Emergency Regulation:
<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/30/30.09.04.08.htm>

PUBLIC NOTICE #3

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- 1) Commercial Ambulance Crew Configuration: COMAR 30.09.04.08B is modified to the extent that the MIEMSS State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation (SOCALR) may waive any personnel requirements under COMAR 30.09.07 for a licensed commercial ambulance service based inside of Maryland, as well as outside of Maryland, which demonstrates to the satisfaction of SOCALR, with the concurrence of the State EMS Medical Director, that the personnel offered by the commercial ambulance service are adequate to care for the patients' needs under exigent circumstances.
- 2) Commercial Ambulance Licensing: The EMS Board and MIEMSS are suspending the requirements of COMAR 30.09.04.05 for vehicles that are owned and operated by a Maryland licensed commercial ambulance service, and are currently licensed to provide ambulance services in another state, for which SOCALR shall issue a provisional license 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.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-515 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.09 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

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April 7, 2020

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Clay B. Stamp, NRP
Chairman, EMS Board



Expired August 15, 2021

Note: EMD applicants have until February 11, 2022 to achieve full credentialing under the regulations issued by the EMS Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE - #4

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- 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.

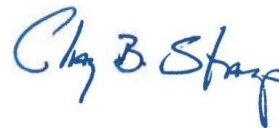
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Date: April 7, 2020



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
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PUBLIC NOTICE #5

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Psychomotor Testing Before Completion of Internship: COMAR 30.02.02.03D, which stipulates that an EMT candidate complete an approved field internship prior to cognitive and practical certification examination, is modified to the extent that the practical examination may occur before the required internship is completed. In such cases, certification will be granted after successful completion of an approved EMT course, cognitive examination, practical examination, and field internship

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Date: June 19, 2020

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Clay B. Stamp, NRP
Chairman, EMS Board



PUBLIC NOTICE - #6

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Administration of Vaccinations. Education Article Section 13-516(G) delineates the circumstances in which a paramedic may administer certain immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing,

In addition, subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, and approval by the State EMS Medical Director, a Paramedic may administer seasonal influenza and Corona Virus vaccines under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director as part of an EMS clinician occupational health program or part of a public health outreach effort coordinated by a local health department or Maryland Hospital or Health System, until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

This action is clinically appropriate; and necessary to provide services relating to: The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or the evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.

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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: September 10, 2020

Clay B. Stamp, NRP
Chairman, EMS Board

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director, MIEMSS

Note: Under statute paramedics may administer flu and COVID-19 vaccines to the public under certain circumstances. Under a separate order issued by the Maryland Department of Health, EMTs and CRTs have the option to vaccinate as laypeople, not as EMS clinicians, under certain circumstances.

AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE - #6

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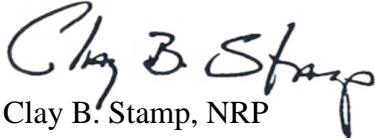
In addition, subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, and approval by the State EMS Medical Director, Emergency Medical Technicians, Cardiac Rescue Technicians and Paramedics may administer seasonal influenza and Corona Virus vaccines under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director as part of an EMS clinician occupational health program or part of a public health outreach effort coordinated by a local health department or Maryland Hospital or Health System, until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. .

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Date: January 20, 2021



Clay B. Stamp, NRP
EMS Board, Chairman



Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
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Practice of EMS Education Article Section 13-516 delineates the practice of EMS clinicians. In addition, in order to augment staffing of the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital and other established alternative care sites, subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, EMS clinicians may provide medical care to patients admitted to the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital and other established alternative care sites under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. Such staffing plans require approval by the MIEMSS Executive Director and the State EMS Medical Director.

This action is clinically appropriate; and necessary to provide services relating to: The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or the evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.

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

October 23, 2020

Clay B. Stamp, NRP
EMS Board Chairman

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director, MIEMSS

Note: EMS clinician licenses and certificates that would have otherwise expired in April or June 2021 are extended to October or December 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #8

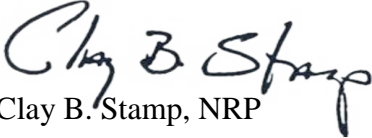
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- 1) Extension of Licenses and Certificates for EMS Clinicians, other than those with a provisional license or certificate: COMAR 30.02.02.06 is modified to provide for extended license and certificate terms. Specifically:
 - a) COMAR 30.02.02.06H is modified to the extent that any non-provisional Emergency Medical Responder or Emergency Medical Technician certificate that would otherwise expire prior to December 30, 2021 is extended to December 30, 2021.
 - b) COMAR 30.02.02.06I is modified to the extent that any non-provisional Cardiac Rescue Technician license that would have otherwise expired prior to October 30, 2021 is extended to October 30, 2021.
 - c) COMAR 30.02.02.06J is modified to the extent that any non-provisional Paramedic license that would have otherwise expired prior to October 30, 2021 is extended to October 30, 2021.
 - d) COMAR 30.02.02.06K is modified to the extent that any non-provisional Emergency Medical Dispatcher license that would have otherwise expired prior to December 30, 2021 is extended to December 30, 2021.

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.

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Date: March 20, 2020


Clay B. Stamp, NRP
Chairman, EMS Board


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PUBLIC NOTICE #9

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- 1) Commercial Ambulance Crew Configuration: COMAR 30.09.04.08B is modified to the extent that the MIEMSS State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation (SOCALR) may waive the personnel requirements under COMAR 30.09.07.02(A)(1) and (3) for a licensed commercial ambulance service based inside of Maryland, as well as outside of Maryland, and allow a commercial ambulance service granted a waiver to staff a licensed Basic Life Support (BLS) ground ambulance with 1 EMS Clinician to provide patient care and 1 non-EMS licensed or certified individual to drive the BLS ambulance, provided the service demonstrates to the satisfaction of SOCALR, with the concurrence of the State EMS Medical Director, that the personnel staffing the BLS ambulance are adequate to provide services in the current exigent circumstances, and the service complies with all requirements established by SOCALR for the issuance of the waiver and otherwise complies with the requirements of COMAR 30.09.04.08.
- 2) Requirements for a Waiver: COMAR 30.09.04.08 is modified by the addition of the following subsection F.

F. To be eligible to receive and maintain a waiver under this notice a commercial ambulance service shall:

- (1) Submit to SOCALR initially and on a monthly basis the following information:
 - (a) The current number of unit hours staffed over a consecutive 7-day period during the most recent 30 days; and
 - (b) The name and address of each non-EMS individual designated by the Commercial Service to drive a Basic Life Support ambulance;
- (2) Ensure that each non-EMS individual designated to drive a Basic Life Support ambulance possesses a current and valid For-Hire Driver's license issued by the Public Service Commission prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance;
 - (3) Provide to SOCALR a photocopy of a current and valid For-Hire Driver's license issued by the Public Service Commission for each non-EMS

individual designated to drive a BLS ambulance prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance;

- (4) Ensure that each non-EMS individual designated to drive a BLS ambulance obtains an ePINS number Prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance;
- (5) Provide the following training to each non-EMS individual it designates to drive a Basic Life Support ambulance prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance:
 - (a) COMAR 30.09.02.02 – Patient Rights,
 - (b) COMAR 30.09.07.03 – Operational Requirements,
 - (c) Bloodborne Pathogens (29 CFR 1910.1030) to include Personal Protective Equipment and Body Substance Isolation precautions,
 - (d) Lifting/Moving/Positioning Patients - to include stretcher and stair chair operations,
 - (e) CPR certified and able to use an AED,
 - (f) Driver's training program to include safe road operations, ambulance backing and city driving; and
- (1) Provide SOCALR with a copy of the training programs required for the non-EMS driver prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance.

3) Other Terms:

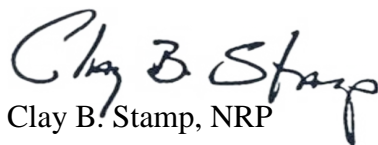
- a. COMAR 30.09.04.08F is modified to the extent that, in addition to the existing grounds for summary suspension, a waiver may be summarily suspended if SOCALR finds the party to whom the waiver has been granted has failed to comply with the terms of the waiver.
- b. COMAR 30.09.04.08F is further modified to the extent that failure to comply with the terms of the waiver may be grounds for further action under COMAR 30.09.09.02.
- c. COMAR 30.09.04.08D is modified to the extent that a waiver issued under this notice shall be in writing and valid for 60 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- d. c. COMAR 30.09.04.08E is modified to the extent that commercial ambulance service granted a waiver under this notice may not apply for renewal of a waiver.


All other terms of COMAR 30.09.04.08 remain in effect.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-515 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.09 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

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Date: May 3, 2021


Clay B. Stamp, NRP
Chairman, EMS Board


Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director, MIEMSS