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To: All EMS Training Entities providing Initial course training for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic, EMS Agencies, and EMS Agency Medical Directors

From: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Date: March 26, 2020

Re: Provisional Certification/Licensure for Initial Applicants

National Registry of EMTs

Responding to the nationwide need for Emergency Medical Services personnel and the social-distancing public health guidance, the Executive Committee of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians gave emergency approval to add a *Provisional Certification*. The *Provisional Certification* will be automatically assigned to **any candidate that (1) completes an educational program at the EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic level and (2) successfully passes the National Registry's cognitive examination**. The requirement for completing the psychomotor examination is suspended for the duration of the national emergency or until psychomotor examinations can be safely reinstated in the United States.

Once the national emergency is over, Provisionally Registered EMS providers will be given ample time (months) and specific instructions on the psychomotor examination requirements. Whenever a Provisionally Registered EMS provider's record at the National Registry indicates the successful completion of valid cognitive and psychomotor examination requirements, the provider's status will automatically transition from provisional to fully registered.

Bureau of EMS

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services is providing the following guidance for the Missouri EMS training entities and initial applicants during this time of heightened concern of personal health and safety. These systems are in place to ensure that we continue to get qualified and competent EMS personnel within the State of Missouri.

In accordance with 19 CSR 30-40.342: The applicant for initial licensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau **evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMT's**. Additionally, all other requirements must be met for application in accordance with 19 CSR 30-40.342. This includes, but is not limited to, providing all information and certification required on the www.health.mo.gov

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EMS Bureau application for licensure. Incomplete or inaccurate information on an application shall be cause to deny an application.

An applicant shall disclose if they have ever been subject to limitation, suspension, or termination of their right to practice in a health care occupation and/or voluntarily surrendered a health care license or certification in any state. This includes a criminal background check of all applicants for initial licensure, including the use of the results of fingerprint or other biometric data checks compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (RSMo 190.903.4).

A License will be issued once a complete application is received, processed, and approved by the Bureau of EMS.

Once the national emergency is over, Provisionally Registered EMS providers will be given ample time (months) and specific instructions on the psychomotor examination requirements by the National Registry of EMTs. Whenever a Provisionally Registered EMS provider's record at the National Registry indicates the successful completion of valid cognitive and psychomotor examination requirements, the provider's status will automatically transition from provisional to fully registered. **At this time, in order to stay licensed in good standing with the Bureau of EMS, individuals will need to make the Bureau of EMS aware in writing that the provider's status has transitioned from provisional to fully registered with the National Registry. For those who do not make the transition, the Bureau of EMS may take action against an individual's license because the individual will no longer have a National Registry Certification and the individual will not have passed the cognitive and psychomotor examination.**

In accordance with RSMo 190.196. **Employer to comply with requirements of licensure:** 1. No employer shall knowingly employ or permit any employee to perform any services for which a license, certificate or other authorization is required by sections 190.001 to 190.245, or by rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, unless and until the person so employed possesses all licenses, certificates or authorizations that are required.

Per CSR 30-40.303.3(D), **The medical director, in cooperation with the ambulance service administrator, shall ensure that all licensed service personnel meet the education and skill competencies required for their level of license and patient care environment.** The medical director shall have the authority to require additional education and training for any licensed service personnel who fail to meet this requirement and limit the patient care activities of personnel who deviate from established standards.

Although provisional license status has been approved by the National Registry of EMTs, it will take some time for our systems to display this. The Bureau of EMS is working aggressively to modify our systems.

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