


**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BULLETIN**

TO: All EMS Clinicians and EMS Administrators

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RE: Extension of EMS Provider and Vehicle Certification During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration

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Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-01, dated March 13, 2020, by the Director, Emergency Medical Services provider and vehicle certifications expiration dates are extended “for a period not to exceed sixty 60 days following the expiration of the public health emergency, provided that fees shall be assessed as though the application were filled within the normal time frame.”

EMS providers are highly encouraged to apply for recertification prior to the expiration date listed on their certification. EMS providers are responsible for their own certification—it is the expectation that EMS providers in the District of Columbia will remain abreast of the current public health emergency and its expiration.

EMS agencies are asked to continue seeking inspections for their vehicles prior to the expiration date listed on the vehicle’s certification.

Additionally, it is of note that a number of certifying bodies have modified their renewal requirements and expirations. The DC EMS Program will follow these recommendations:

- National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) has extended their recertification deadline from March 31 to June 30, 2020 and removed the Distributive Education requirements.
- American Heart Association has allowed extensions of instructor and provider cards for up to 60 days.

For further questions or concerns, please contact the EMS Program at [EMS.HEPRA@dc.gov](mailto:EMS.HEPRA@dc.gov).

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