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County of Sacramento

Memorandum

Date: March 31, 2020

To: Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Provider Agencies

From: Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency
(SCEMSA)
David Magnino, EMS Administrator
Hernando Garzon, Medical Director

Effective: April 1, 2020

Subject: **EMS Personnel Initial Certification, Recertification, or
Continuous Accreditation Direction**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide important direction to EMS personnel initial certification, recertification, continuous accreditation, requirements.

1. SCEMSA Initial Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Personnel:

- EMTs applying for the first time who are unable to get a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card as a result of the current COVID-19 situation, shall upload their expired CPR card, as long as it hasn't been expired more than six (6) months.
- Once approved, initial EMTs have 120 days from the date of application to update their CPR card and upload them to their application.

2. SCEMSA certified EMT Personnel

- Requirements to submit proof of current CPR recognition for recertification are temporarily suspended for the next 120 days.
- State EMT Competency Skills requirement are waived until December 31, 2020.

3. SCEMSA Initial and Accredited Paramedic Personnel:

- Requirements submit proof of current PALS, PEPP, APLS, Handtevy, and CPR, course recognition for paramedic continuous accreditation will be temporarily waived for the next 120 days, under the following conditions:
 - Paramedic personnel upload a letter that they were unable to obtain this recognition as a result of the current COVID-19 situation.
 - PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy recognition is subsequently obtained when training courses resume, and a copy of a current recognition card be tracked by the provider and a letter sent via email to SCEMSA stating all personnel are current.

4. SCEMSA Authorized MICN Personnel:

- Requirements to submit proof of a minimum four (4) hour ambulance ride-along for MICN reauthorization will be waived for the next 120 days under the following conditions:
 - Applicable MICN Personnel upload, as part of their reauthorization application, indicating that they were unable to complete this ambulance ride-along due to the current COVID-19 situation. A subsequent ambulance ride-along will not be required under this circumstance.
 - MICN personnel who are unable to complete additional requirements necessary for reauthorization (PALS, ACLS, etc.) may request a 120 day extension on their current MICN by uploading a letter from their facility indicating they were unable to complete the reauthorization requirements as a result of the current COVID-19 situation. This does not apply to an individual with a lapsed California RN License, unless the BRN providers subsequent direction extending re-licensure requirements.

At this time, EMS personnel must maintain current/valid required certifications, accreditations, licenses, and/or authorizations to function in the EMS system. The EMS Authority is working on emergency regulations for the current COVID-19 situation. We will provide further direction regarding these matters as needed.

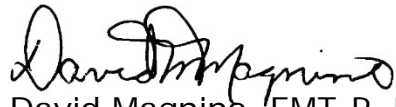
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Please do not hesitate to contact either Dr. Garzon (garzong@saccounty.net) or myself (magninod@saccounty.net or 916-208-5985) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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EMS Administrator

Sincerely,



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