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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois EMS Medical Directors
Illinois EMS System Coordinators
Regional EMS Coordinators

FROM: Ashley Thoele, MSN, MBA, RN ^{DS} 5/7/2020
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RE: Provisional EMS Certificate Extension

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the barriers it's created on our education system, the Illinois Department of Public Health is announcing an extension of the Provisional EMS Certificate. Provisional EMS Certificates will be recognized by IDPH until June 30th, 2021. It is the Department's goal to provide this extension to allow EMS students and expired EMS to help aid the front lines during this global pandemic.

Candidates eligible for a Provisional EMS Certificate include: EMT, A-EMT, EMT-I, Paramedic, TNS, ECRN, EMD, PHRN PHPA, PHAPN and EMR students or expired EMS. Some exclusions do apply. Please see previously provided information for details. Expired and student EMS personnel may only function with a licensed EMS personnel at the same or higher level.

Provisional EMS Certificates are NOT an IDPH State License. This is only an EMS System approval recognized by the state, and every effort should be made to obtain state licensure as classes and testing become available during the COVID-19 pandemic response. All rosters completed for provisional certification by the system must be submitted to the IDPH Regional EMS Coordinator.

Please share this memo with your EMS Providers, Educational Programs and Lead Instructors.

As the COVID-19 situation develops further the department will keep you up to date with the most current information we have available. The Department reserves the right to rescind any provisional certification at any point or revise the expiration date of the provisional certification at any time.

Thank you for your continued support to EMS and stay safe.