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Extensions and Waivers for EMT's, Paramedics, and MICN's Postponement of EMS Update Classes and Policy Changes

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the County of SLO opening the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC). All SLO County EMS Agency personnel have been deployed to the EOC for the duration of the operations. As a result, we are instituting the following postponements and waivers.

EMT Certifications and Paramedic Accreditations

Effective immediately, the SLO County EMS Agency is extending EMT certifications through May 31, 2020. Expiring EMT's should not contact the EMS Agency; we are keeping a list of affected EMT's and will follow up when the extension ends.

We are also waiving the requirements for base hospital meeting attendance, and paramedic skills verifications, including advanced airway skills verifications for paramedic accreditation. Paramedics who renew their license through the state should email Michelle Pinney at the EMS Agency with their new license date. During the extension period, we will automatically re-accredit those paramedics. You can reach Michelle at mpinney@co.slo.ca.us, or by phone 805 788-2519.

We are waiving base hospital meeting attendance and postponing re-authorization classes for MICN re-authorization. MICN's will be automatically re-authorized.

New EMT certification applications and new Paramedic accreditation applications will be processed on a case-by-case basis with emphasis given to those providers who will be actively filling EMT or Paramedic positions.

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Postponement of EMS Update Classes and Policy Changes

The planned EMS Update classes scheduled for May are postponed until further notice. The planned April 1 implementation of provider skills verification and the July 1 implementation of the Symptomatic Bradycardia (including transcutaneous pacing) protocol are also postponed until further notice.

Please channel any questions you have through your respective EMS coordinators. If further information is need, please contact Michelle Pinney as noted above.