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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 July 31, 2020**. Expiring EMT's should complete their recertification application and submit it via email to Michell Pinney at mpinney@co.slo.ca.us with copies of required cards, CE, and skills sheets. If you are not able to obtain the skill sheet check off, your certification will be extended through July 31. The EMS Agency; is keeping a list of affected EMT's and will follow up when the extension ends.

Paramedics who renew their license through the state shall complete the re-accreditation application and include the following items:

- Letter from ALS Provider confirming employment as a Paramedic
- Copy of State license, include the license number and expiration date on the application
- Copy of current driver's license or government issued photo ID.
- Copy of a current CPR card from an approved provider.

Base hospital meeting attendance requirements and the yearly EMS Update class (formerly APR) is waived for the foreseeable future. We are working on re-instating the ALS skills assessments, including advanced airway, and will send guidelines soon. Paramedics re-accrediting prior to July 31, 2020 will have skills requirements waived. Those re-accrediting after July 31 will have the skills requirements pro-rated depending on their re-license date.

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

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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.

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.