





EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2020-07/24

TO: Riverside County EMS System

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SUBJECT: EMS Credentialing and Training Requirements

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EMS System Partners, we continue to evolve our EMS clinical care guidance as the Federal and State recommendations are updated.

Riverside County EMS Agency (REMSA) recognizes and acknowledges the difficulty for providers to obtain certain credentialing requirements due to restrictions imposed by the continuing COVID-19 declared emergency.

Beginning August 1, 2020, REMSA is implementing an indefinite temporary suspension on the following provider requirements*:

- (1) A current and valid American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or California-approved BCLS/CPR card (“professional” level).
- (2) Current American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider card.
- (3) Current American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider card or American Academy of Pediatrics Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers (PEPP) provider card.
- (4) Current National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) provider card or an International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) provider card.
- (5) ALS Skills Competency Verification (SCV) Form (Paramedic/MICN).
- (6) MICN Field Observation (Ride-out) **(30 hours of CEs required instead).**

*This temporary suspension of requirements does not apply to initial applicants with no prior EMS certifications.

EMTs and paramedics shall be allowed to perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites, in-home settings, and any additional settings approved by the director of the EMS Authority for purposes of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Continued...



Upon the termination of this temporary suspension, providers will have ninety (90) days to obtain these requirements. (An agency may choose to require their employees to maintain their certifications.)

- Providers: If your certification expires, you may be required to take the provider class instead of the refresher class. Refer to each Agency's guidelines for more information.
- Agencies: You may need to anticipate for additional provider classes if providers choose to let their cards expire. The ninety (90) day grace period to obtain the required certifications will not be extended.

The State is maintaining the following recommendations:

- (1) EMT and Paramedic certifications expiring after July 31st, 2020 will not be granted extensions based on the fact there are multiple online options to obtain instructor lead CEs.
- (2) BLS skills verification will continue to be waived until the COVID-19 emergency is over. (This will be determined by NREMT resuming their requirement to require psychomotor testing.)

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

