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Nathaniel Smith, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health

**To: All Licensed EMS Providers**

**From: Dr. Nate Smith, Secretary of Health**

**Date: March 16, 2020**

**Regarding: Extension for EMS license renewal**

As a result of the Governor's Public Health Emergency Declaration of March 11, 2020, and pursuant to the Governor's and the Secretary of Health's lawful authority concerning Public Health Emergencies, ADH will extend licensure effective dates and renewal requirements for all licensed EMS providers scheduled to renew March 31, 2020.

The extension deadline will be concurrent with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Certification extension. The certification deadline has been moved from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

Distributive Education (DE) limitations have also be removed.

In summary:

- All certifications with an expiration date of March 31, 2020, will remain valid until June 30, 2020.
- The current recertification deadline of March 31, 2020, extended to June 30, 2020.
- There will be no late fees for submissions after March 31, 2020.
- The Distributive Education (DE) limits will be waived for the remainder of this recertification cycle. However, if you need to take advantage of this new option, it will take time for our software to be modified.