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To: Orange County Fire Chiefs
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FROM: Carl H. Schutz, MD – OCEMS Medical Director

SUBJECT: COVID-19 DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY EMT, AEMT AND PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION/LICENSING/ACCREDITATION:

Due to the declared state of emergency related to COVID-19 OCEMS is implementing the following modifications to certification and local accreditation:

- a. All EMS personnel (EMT, AEMT and paramedic) with licenses/certifications or local accreditation expiring March, April, May or June of 2020, will have their expiration date extended to July 31, 2020.
- b. The requirement for a completed skills competency verification for EMTs renewing or reinstating their certification will be waived for the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency.
- c. The National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) provisional registrations or a successful completion of the NREMT written Assessment exam will be accepted for purposes of certification, licensure or reinstatement.
 - a. EMS personnel with a provisional NREMT registration must receive a full NREMT registration within 6 months of the NREMT allowing testing.
 - b. EMS personnel who have successfully completed the NREMT written Assessment exam shall be required to complete the NREMT psychomotor exam within 6 months of the NREMT allowing testing.