

To: **All Georgia Licensed EMS Personnel with a current expiration date of March 31, 2020**
All Georgia Licensed EMS Agencies

From: David Newton, Director, Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma

Re: One-time extension of EMS Personnel License expiration date for those affected by COVID-19, and extension of expiration dates for BLS and ACLS cards

Date: March 17, 2020

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma ("Department" or "OEMS") is the state authority that regulates the licensure and standards for emergency medical personnel in Georgia under Title 31, Chapter 11 of the Georgia Code. Pursuant to DPH Rule 511-9-2-.01(2), and given that the Governor of Georgia has declared a Public Health Emergency for Georgia, **the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma has decided to offer a one-time extension to those medics affected by COVID-19 whose EMS Personnel license has an expiration date of March 31, 2020.**

Extensions will be granted to EMS Personnel who complete the following steps:

1. Login to LMS (www.mygemsis.org/lms), Click on **Applications** and then **My Applications**
2. Look for the application entitled *Request for Extension of Medic License Expiration Date for COVID-19*, and click **Apply Now**
3. Follow the directions on the application. You will be required to agree to the terms on the application, or it will not be approved.

Notes about the one-time extension of Georgia EMS Personnel License expiration date:

- This **only** applies to EMS Personnel with an active medic license with a current expiration date of March 31, 2020
- After completing the extension application and agreeing to the terms, the expiration dates will be extended till June 30, 2020
- Licenses not renewed by their expiration date will be set to Lapsed – Failure to Renew
- Once you complete a renewal application, the expiration date will be set to March 31, 2022, and all continuing education requirements must be met from the issue date of the renewal to the date of expiration – *the sooner you renew your license, the more time you have to meet the continuing education requirements*
- While there is no charge for the extension, renewals of licenses will continue to have a \$75 charge, and late renewals will have an additional \$75 charge

The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma has also decided to grant a one-time 60-day extension of the expiration date on both BLS (CPR) and ACLS cards.

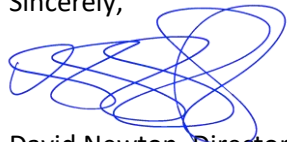
Notes about the one-time extension of BLS and ACLS expiration date:

- This is only effective for cards that have a printed expiration date between March 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020*
- ****The extended expiration date will not go past June 30, 2020***
- Cards must meet all other requirements as specified here: <https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-policies-rules-and-regulations>

If you have any questions, please contact the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma at the contact information listed below.

Thank you for all you do and thank you for helping the citizens of Georgia as we get through this current situation. Stay safe...

Sincerely,



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For the latest information on COVID-19 – please visit our website: <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS>