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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 23, 2020  
TO: Michigan EMS Education Programs, EMS Agencies, and Medical Control Authorities  
FROM: Kathy Wahl  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 - EMS Provider Temporary License

The Division of EMS and Trauma (DET) is actively involved with response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are areas of the state that are approaching crisis standards of care. There are no Pearson Vue testing sites open and only essential workers are allowed to leave their homes. EMS providers are critical to the infrastructure of emergency response. Therefore, effective March 23, 2020, and in accordance with Section 333.20952, the department will grant a nonrenewable temporary license to an individual who has made proper application to DET for licensure as a medical first responder (MFR), emergency medical technician (EMT), advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), or paramedic and who has successfully completed all the requirements for licensure, *except for the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations*. This temporary license will be valid for 120 days from the date of issue.

Due to the exigent circumstances around this pandemic, there will be no fee for this temporary license.

An individual holding a temporary license shall practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed EMS provider at the same level or higher, i.e. an EMT can practice under another EMT, etc. All individuals who are issued a temporary license will be eligible for a full license, upon submitting a proper application to DET, with the required licensure fee, and completion of the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations.

It is the sincere hope that this measure will help EMS agencies and providers who are working diligently on the front lines to combat COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sabrina Kerr, EMS Section Manager, at [kerrs3@michigan.gov](mailto:kerrs3@michigan.gov). Your service to Michigan EMS is greatly appreciated.