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TO: All Prehospital Care Providers

FROM: Katherine Shafer, M.D., EMS Medical Director

SUBJ.: Extension of ACLS and CPR Card Expiration Dates

The San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency (SJCEMSA) has received requests from individuals and organizations to temporarily extend recognition for Professional Rescuer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification cards expiring during the current COVID-19 pandemic. This memorandum is effective through May 31, 2020, unless superseded or rescinded earlier.

In keeping with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-27-20 to maintain an adequate healthcare workforce, I am permitting prehospital care personnel that would otherwise need to renew CPR and ACLS cards to submit their most current card, even if expired. This extension is granted for all CPR and ACLS cards otherwise expiring through May 31, 2020. All other application requirements will remain in effect.

This temporary extension will apply to:

- EMS Policy No. 2101, [EMS Dispatcher Accreditation](#)
- EMS Policy No. 2210, [Emergency Medical Responder Certification](#)
- EMS Policy No. 2310, [Emergency Medical Technician Certification](#)
- EMS Policy No. 2540, [Paramedic Accreditation](#)
- EMS Policy No. 2571, [Paramedic Student Field Internship Authorization](#)
- EMS Policy No. 2610, [Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization](#)

EMS personnel submitting an initial or renewal application should submit a copy of this memorandum and the expiring CPR or ACLS card with their personnel application.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, you may direct questions to Marissa Matta, EMS Specialist mamatta@sjgov.org or (209) 468-6818.