Temporary Waiver for Certain Requirements for EMT and Paramedics

Pursuant to authority granted to IDPH by 210 ILCS 50/3.185, the Illinois Department of Public Health will consider a special temporary waiver for certain requirements for EMT and Paramedic Licensure for applicants whose IDPH issued EMS license is expired for less than 60 months, as of 3/23/20:

All licenses (EMT and Paramedic) granted under this special waiver shall automatically expire 6 months after being issued.

Applicants seeking a Temporary Waiver in must demonstrate all of the following:

1. The applicant’s DPH EMS license has been expired for less than 60 months, and must have been in good standing at the time it expired, i.e. not suspended or revoked.
2. The applicant must not have been suspended from any Illinois EMS system as of the DPH license expiration.
3. The applicant must demonstrate current CPR certification from either the AHA or ARC.
4. The applicant must submit a written application for the level of license sought and which PAEMS agency that is sponsoring them.
5. Successfully complete PAEMS System examination demonstrating competence with all current protocols and practical skills required to practice in respect to the applicant’s expired license certification level.

Any licensee granted a license under this special waiver shall only practice with another regular DPH licensee at or above the level of the licensee. Two licensees granted a license under this special waiver shall not practice together and must be paired with a regular licensee.

EMS MD responsible for all approvals and at what level they may function.

Regardless of provider, the applicant must have the written recommendation from the PAEMS System Medical Director stating that the applicant:

- Is qualified to practice at the EMT-B level
- Will be accepted into that EMS Medical Director’s EMS system.

Employer:

- Must notify PAEMS System when adding a temporary waiver provider to their roster

Possible Re-licensure option for service under the Declaration:

- After the disaster and only with the EMSMD recommendation would allow the limited, previously expired Licensee person to be allowed to sit for the National exam.