


MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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TO: EMT Training Programs
Paramedic Training Programs

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WAIVER EXTENSION THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

The following waivers issued through Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-04-22 are extended through June 30, 2022.

- EMT completed skills competency verification for renewals and reinstatements
- EMT training programs may allow for the use of high-fidelity simulation, scenarios, or other innovative educational environments, during the 24 hours of clinical training which includes ten clinical contacts.
- Paramedic training programs shall:
 - Inform students in writing of the need to extend clinical and/or field internship placement, including an estimated timeline for placement and completion.
 - Allow for student participation in the use of high-fidelity simulation, scenarios, and other innovative educational environments as substitutes for the clinical and field internship training if approved in writing by the program medical director, program advisory committee and the paramedic training program provider approving authority in conjunction with Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) training and student terminal competency guidance.
 - Allow for students to use high-fidelity simulation to substitute 20 of the 40 required field internship patient contacts and 10 of the 20 required documented experiences performing the role of team lead.
 - Allow for students to substitute their required field internship to expand beyond a prehospital emergency setting, within an organized EMS system, to include healthcare settings appropriate to the skills experience needed; including a minimum of 40 documented Advanced Life Support patient contacts and 20 documented team leads when provided under an approved paramedic preceptor and approved in writing by the program medical director, program advisory committee and the paramedic program provider approving authority in conjunction with CoAEMSP training and student terminal competency guidance.

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