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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** EMS System Coordinators  
EMS System Medical Directors

**FROM:** Bobby Van Bebber, MSN, RN  
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**DATE:** December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**RE:** Illinois Paramedic and AEMT Licensure Changes

Any paramedic or AEMT student successfully completing a course for paramedic or AEMT licensure may be licensed in Illinois after passing the written portion of the National Registry Exam. The Division of EMS will continue to waive the requirements in Section 515.530(b) of the EMS Administrative Code for the National Registry psychomotor portion for Illinois licensure until **June 30th, 2024**.

All EMS systems and education programs who want their students to only take the written portion of the National Registry exam are required to develop and provide a final psychomotor examination for all paramedic and AEMT students. The psychomotor exam shall meet equivalent standards of the National Registry Psychomotor examination.

Each student must receive written instructions for testing requirements, prior to the end of class. To obtain National Registry certification through June 30, 2024, a student must take the National Registry psychomotor exam. In addition, the student must be informed in writing that if they only take the cognitive portion of the National Registry exam, then they cannot be National Registry Certified at the Paramedic or AEMT level without completion of an official National Registry Recognized psychomotor examination at an approved site.

EMS Systems must verify that the individual has successfully passed the written portion of the NREMT Paramedic examination and the applicable psychomotor exam prior to submission of a transaction card to IDPH Division of EMS for licensure processing. All necessary documentation must be submitted with the transaction card to prevent delays in licensing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Robert.VanBebber2@Illinois.gov](mailto:Robert.VanBebber2@Illinois.gov).

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