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MEMORANDUM

TO: EMS System Coordinators
EMS System Medical Directors

FROM: Ashley Thoele, MSN, MBA, RN
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RE: **UPDATE** - Illinois Paramedic and **AEMT** Licensure Changes

Effective immediately, any Paramedic and **Advanced EMT students** successfully completing a course for Paramedic or Advanced EMT licensure may be licensed in Illinois after passing the written portion of the National Registry Examination. The Division of EMS will be waiving the requirements in Section 515.530(b) of the EMS Administrative Code for the National Registry Psychomotor portion for Illinois licensure until further notice.

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 to all Paramedic and Advanced EMT students. The psychomotor exam shall meet equivalent standards as the National Registry Psychomotor examination.

Each student must receive written instructions for the requirements, prior to the end of the class, that to obtain National Registry certification they must take the NR psychomotor exam. In addition, the student must be informed in writing that if they only take the cognitive portion of the NR exam, then they cannot be National Registry Certified at the Paramedic or Advanced EMT 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 or Advanced EMT examination prior to submission of a transaction card to the IDPH Division of EMS for licensure processing. All necessary documentation must be submitted with the T-card to prevent delays in licensing.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at ashley.thoele@illinois.gov.

Cc: IDPH Regional EMS Coordinators