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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2020

TO: Michigan EMS Providers, Education Programs, Life Support Agencies, and Medical Control Authorities

FROM: Kathy Wahl, Director Division of EMS and Trauma

SUBJECT: Executive Order 2020-39 – Temporary Relief from Certain Restrictions and Requirements Governing the Provision of Emergency Medical Services

The COVID-19 pandemic response is beyond anything that has occurred in our lifetimes and requires an unprecedented approach to be able to meet the safety and medical needs of communities across the State. The temporarily waived or modified licensing and regulatory activities as described in [Executive Order 2020-39](#) were implemented to optimize the number of EMS providers and vehicles that may be required to meet the surge in EMS calls and interfacility transfers that will likely occur as this public health emergency expands. The Order is intended to allow agencies and providers to concentrate on the required response rather than worry about some of the more routine regulatory requirements. Of course, we still must protect the public's health and safety, so some regulatory requirements remain in place.

Attached you will find a Question and Answers document to help clarify the language in Executive Order 2020-39.

In addition to emergency protocols and Executive Order 2020-39, all EMS providers who have an active role in planning or response during the COVID-19 emergency are eligible for continuing education (CE) credits in the Operations: Emergency Preparedness category. Each 50-60 minutes spent on either of these activities equates to one CE credit. A maximum of ten CEs may be applied. A template will be provided that can be completed and signed by the EMS agency manager, supervisor, or director attesting to the activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Division of EMS and Trauma at: MDHHS-MichiganEMS@michigan.gov. As always, you are appreciated more than you know. Thank you for serving your patients and communities during this extremely trying time.