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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION PROVIDER CARD EXPIRATION DATES – TEMPORARY EXTENSION GRANTED - UPDATED

County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services has received requests to recognize the American Heart Association's request to temporarily extend recognition for BLS & ACLS Provider cards expiring during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak.

I grant a 120-day extension for those EMS providers that would otherwise need to renew American Heart Association BLS or ACLS Provider cards before June 30, 2020. The temporary extension for up to a 120-day period will begin on the existing expiration date; for example, an AHA card expiring on March 31, 2020 shall be extended until July 31, 2020. This extension is granted for all AHA cards expiring through June 30, 2020.

This temporary extension will apply to:

- BLS Provider requirements for EMT Certification under County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services policy B-352.
- BLS Provider requirements for EMT Out-Of-County Status under County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services policy B-353.
- ACLS Provider requirements for Paramedic Accreditation under County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services policy P-305.
- ACLS Provider requirements for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization under County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services policy P-303.

Please submit a copy of this letter AND the expiring AHA card with any credentialing packet on the [LEMSIS Licensure site](#). Please keep a copy of this memo with the agency's files.

Thank you for your assistance in continuing to provide outstanding care to our patients.

Sincerely,

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cc: Andrew Parr, EMS Administrator
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