Government of the District of Columbia

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Purpose:	***Procedures for Lapsed DC EMS Certification***
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The following policy outlines the procedures for individuals who have a lapsed District of Columbia certification as an EMS provider, and are applying to take the NREMT test.

Background

The DC Department of Health now requires NREMT certification, and there are a group of providers who have a lapsed District of Columbia certification. Without a state certification/license, these providers are not allowed to register for the NREMT exam. This policy provides a method for these individuals to register for the NREMT exam.

Prerequisites

The provider must meet the following to be considered eligible;

- The provider's District certification has been expired for less than one (1) year at the time of application to the Department of Health.
- The provider has completed all of the necessary training and is ready to register for the NREMT exam.
- The provider has a District certified sponsoring EMS organization.

Procedure

Once the provider meets all of the prerequisites outlined above the following procedure will be utilized;

- The Medical Director of the provider's sponsoring organization submits a letter to the District of Columbia EMS Officer requesting that the provider be issued a 30-day, DOH provisional status for NREMT testing purposes only.
    - The letter must indicate that the provider has successfully completed a state sanctioned refresher course within the past six (6) months and that the sponsoring organization intends to submit the provider for active certification upon successful completion of the NREMT certification process.
    - If approved, a letter will be issued to the provider through the sponsoring organization's Medical Director indicating that the provider has been granted a DOH provisional status for NREMT testing purposes only. The letter will include the provider's original certification number and new expiration date.
    - If the request is not approved a letter will be issued to the provider through the sponsoring organization's Medical Director indicating the request has been denied.

Usage

Once the provider is granted DOH provisional status they can apply to take the NREMT exam using the certification number and expiration date in the letter. The provider's DOH provisional status is time limited, will not exceed 30-days, and the provider cannot be utilized in a patient care role during this period.