Government of the District of Columbia

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Administration:	***Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration***
Section:	***Emergency Medical Services***
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Approved By:	***Beverly Pritchett, Senior Deputy Director, HEPRA***
Applies To:	***All DC EMS Providers***
Purpose:	***NREMT and DOH EMS Provider Certification Expiration Dates***
Reference:	***Memorandum of 15 December 2009 "NREMT and DOH EMS Provider Certification Expiration Dates"*** ***Memorandum of 13 April 2009 "Transition to NREMT Certification Requirement"***
Revision:	***Original***

On 15 December 2009, Memorandum "NREMT and DOH EMS Provider Certification Expiration Dates" was issued to all EMS agencies. This document updates that memorandum to a Department of Health policy. This policy contains no changes from the initial memorandum.

On 13 April 2009 a memorandum titled "Transition to NREMT Certification Requirement" was distributed to all EMS agencies. That memo indicated that beginning on 01 July 2009 NREMT certification would be required for all DC certifications. This applied to new as well as renewal certifications.

DC certification cards are currently a two-year certification and have been issued monthly. While the NREMT card is also a two-year certification, all of these cards expire on 31 March. Beginning on 01 January 2010 as providers apply for an initial DOH certification or renew their existing certification, their new DOH certification card expiration date will be on 30 June of the same year as their NREMT expiration date. This will allow time for the provider's NREMT renewal application to be processed prior to submitting for their DOH certification. As with the current renewal process providers must submit a copy of their NREMT card, their current DOH card and a valid CPR card. Additionally, Advanced Life Support providers must submit a copy of a valid American Heart Association ACLS card.

We hope that this time will be helpful to both the providers and their sponsoring EMS organizations. If you have any questions concerning this transition, please contact the DC State EMS Training Coordinator, Robert Austin, at 202-671-0704 or via e-mail at robert.austin@dc.gov.