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Bureau for Public Health
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 23, 2020

TO: EMS Educational Institutes

FROM: Vicki L. Hildreth, BA, NREMT, Interim Director
West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services

RE: Temporary Relief of Initial EMT Patient Contact Requirement

Vicki L. Hildreth

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is providing temporary relief of the ten (10) patient contact requirements for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students.

Any student whose initial EMT course has been completed prior to July 1, 2020 may test for the National Registry prior to completing their ten (10) patient contacts **ONLY** by utilizing the attached packet and submitting to Jerry Mullins, Coordinator, Education and Training Division, at Jerry.L.Mullins@wv.gov. Patient contacts **must** be completed with an approved Preceptor from the Educational Institute. West Virginia OEMS certification cards will be issued upon submission of these packets.

This temporary education relief can **ONLY** be utilized during the COVID-19 policy modification and is effective until July 1, 2020.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Michael Mills, DO, FACEP, State OEMS Medical Director
Jerry Mullins, Coordinator, Education and Training Division