

MEMORANDIUM

Date: March 10, 2014

To: All SC certified EMTs

From: Robert A. Wronski, EMS Director
Division of EMS & Trauma

Re: New CIS Implementation and Tracking of National Registry Certifications

The SC EMS Credentialing Information System (CIS) now provides the state EMS office with two new tools: the implementation and the tracking of each individual's National Registry credential.

If you are currently Nationally Registered, your CIS profile now contains your National Registry (NR) Certification Number and Expiration Date. Please log onto your CIS profile and confirm that the NR information in your profile is correct. If the information is not correct, please forward to us a copy of your current NR certification card.

For those individuals who are seeking initial National Certification at any level in SC, upon successful completion of your NR examination, CIS will import your "initial" NR certification into your CIS profile directly from the NR.

Please note: It is your responsibility to forward us a copy of your current NR certification card each time it is renewed.

Important Notification: Each year on May 1st, beginning this year 2014; CIS will automatically change the certification status from "active" to "suspended" on all state certifications whose NR certification has expired and was not renewed. A notification of this suspension will be automatically generated by CIS and sent via the email address on file to each individual whose state certification has been suspended as a result. Notification will also be sent to the Director, Training Officer and Primary Contact of the EMS agency in which the individual is affiliated. The state certification of that individual will remain suspended until the individual forwards a current NR credential to this office.

Please help us to keep your contact information current. Go to <http://apps.emspic.org/CIS/Go>
Your user-ID is SC + your six-digit certification number. If you have forgotten your password, please contact us at the number listed at the bottom of this letter and we can reset your password.

IMPORTANT: As noted in the EMS Act and Regulation 61-7 of South Carolina, "all initial EMT certifications (Basic, Intermediate, Paramedic) must maintain a National Registry credential to be certified and recertified in South Carolina." See Emergency Medical Services, S.C. Code Ann. § 44-61-80(E), et. seq. (Supp. 2013), 3 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-7 § 902(F), 905(B) and 906(C) (2011).

All EMTs who received their initial SC certification at any level (EMT / Intermediate / Advanced EMT, Paramedic) **on or after October 01, 2006;** must **maintain** a current National Registry credential in order to re-certify their SC EMT certification.

"...The national registry credential must be renewed in accordance with National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians policies and procedures. An individual who was certified in this State before October 2006, and has continuously maintained certification, may continue to renew certification without a national registry credential if the individual has successfully completed all other requirements as established by the department in regulation."

Recertification is a Personal Responsibility:

Regardless of the training program in which you participate, it is your personal responsibility to complete all necessary requirements for re-certification and to submit all required documentation to the Department a minimum of thirty days prior to your SC EMT certificate expiration date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Arnold Alier at (803)545-4958.