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Beginning October 1, 2024, Maine Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) licenses will be issued and expire at the end of the month following the applicant’s training certification expiration from the entity that provides the board-approved statewide emergency medical dispatch protocols (“the Vendor”).

This change does not impact existing license expiration dates but will be the practice for all new EMD license applications and EMD license renewal applications processed on or after October 1, 2024.

Maine EMS Rules, Chapter 5-A-1§4. enabled the current practice of issuing an EMD license valid for three months after the applicant’s certification expiration from the Vendor. This practice accommodated the Vendor’s “Lapsed Certification Policy” without contradicting Maine EMS rules that require an active Maine EMD license to practice. The Vendor eliminated their Lapsed Certification Policy effective July 1, 2024.

At their regular meeting on July 25, 2024, the Maine EMS EMD Committee considered the elimination of the Vendor’s policy and unanimously approved this change to EMD licensing expiration practices. The committee chose to keep a one-month separation between certification and licensure citing that there are sometimes challenges with the Vendor’s site that cause frustration and may cause a delay during the renewal process.

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