

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT
#SP-069-PHS-EMS**

**Automatic Extension of EMT Certification for Active Duty Military Personnel
Under Governor's Executive Order 2003-10**

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The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to notify the public how the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is implementing Governor's Executive Order 2003-10, "Ensuring Benefits and Protections for Arizona Servicemen and Women," with respect to EMT certification.

Executive Order 2003-10 orders the Arizona Department of Health Services to "provide automatic extensions for health care and other relevant professional licenses to military personnel who are engaged in active duty." The introductory language of Executive Order 2003-10 states that "the State of Arizona should take all necessary and appropriate steps to assist troops and their families who face potential added expenses and disruptions caused by being called to active duty in the nation's ongoing war against terrorism and possible military action in Iraq."

ADHS interprets Governor's Executive Order 2003-10 to require ADHS to provide an automatic extension of EMT certification to any individual who, on the expiration date of the individual's EMT certification, is:

1. A member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard serving on active duty other than for routine training purposes or as a member of the Active Guard Reserve;
2. A member of the Reserves of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard serving on active duty other than for routine training purposes or as a member of the Active Guard Reserve; or
3. An active duty member of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard deployed to serve in a location outside of the United States.

To establish eligibility for this automatic extension, an individual shall provide to ADHS a copy of the individual's military orders showing that the individual meets one of the circumstances described above. If the individual's military orders establish eligibility,

ADHS will accept an application for EMT recertification for up to 180 days after the individual:

1. If a National Guard member or Reserves member ordered to active duty, ceases to serve on active duty; or
2. If an active duty member deployed to serve in a location outside of the United States, returns to the United States after completing the deployment.

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