

The logo for the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is a circular seal. It features the text "NORTH CAROLINA" at the top and "OFFICE of EMS" at the bottom. In the center, there is a stylized "OEMS" acronym. The seal is light blue and white.

# North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services

## 131E-158 Temporary Waiver Request

### Application Guidelines

#### **HOW DOES MY AGENCY APPLY?**

Applications for the temporary waiver of G.S. 131E-158 will be submitted to the NCOEMS by a licensed EMS agency. Click here to apply for waiver: [NCOEMS Waiver Application](#)

#### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY AGENCY APPLIES?**

Upon receipt, the OEMS will review the submitted application and assure that;

- a. A screening/orientation plan for the use of non-credentialed drivers has been provided.
- b. The completed application defines the factors influencing waiver necessity.
- c. An agency action plan is well defined that describes the return to normal operation.

If approved, a temporary waiver will be issued for a period of 180 days. The agency's primary contact and each EMS system where the licensed provider is affiliated will be notified in writing. Please understand, an approved waiver does not supersede local contracts and franchise agreements. The licensed agency must reach out to the EMS system to ensure compliance.

#### **IF APPROVED, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

If the agency determines they will require an extension, they must resubmit through the same application process no less than 10 days prior to the expiration of the waiver. All subsequent applications will follow the same guidelines.

The OEMS Systems Workgroup will meet to review resubmissions and determine if an extension of the temporary waiver is warranted based on the agency's action plan and the current situation.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY AGENCY'S WAIVER EXPIRES?**

Upon expiration, the OEMS will notify the agency and EMS System. Continued use of non-credentialed drivers after expiration may result in a letter of violation to the agency, EMS System, Division of Medical Assistance, and other essential entities.

#### **CAN MY AGENCY BE DENIED A WAIVER?**

Yes, if, after review of the request the OEMS determines there is insufficient support, data, and/or evidence to implement a temporary waiver, the agency will be notified in writing. If a denial of temporary waiver is issued, the agency may reapply after 90 days but must submit through the same process.