

## FIELD EVALUATION CRITERIA

### PURPOSE

To provide a guideline for field evaluation criteria of an initial paramedic accreditation process to ensure that all accredited paramedics in YEMSA region, understand and can utilize the treatment protocols.

### FIVE (5) CALL EVALUATION

The YEMSA requires an accrediting paramedic to be evaluated on performing 5 ALS patient contact calls. At the end of the field evaluation all forms and PCR's will be sent to the YEMSA for further evaluation. If there are any questions after reviewing the forms the YEMSA may contact the evaluator for clarification.

### EXTENSION OF THE FIVE (5) CALL EVALUATION

The evaluator and/or the YEMSA may extend the field evaluation process an additional 5 ALS calls, for a total of 10, when deemed appropriate. This would be when it is deemed that they needed more time to determine if the paramedic meets the passing standards.

### PASS OR FAIL CRITERIA

The purpose of the field evaluation is to determine if the paramedic is knowledgeable to begin functioning under the local policies and procedures. There are no specific guidelines on what is considered a pass or failed 5 call evaluation; it is up to the evaluator to make this determination using his/her best judgment. The YEMSA Medical Director will evaluate any candidate who does not successfully complete the field evaluation.

### ALS CONTACT CRITERIA

All ALS calls must be performed under the guidance of an YEMSA approved preceptor/evaluator. The YEMSA will only count ALS calls in which a paramedic assessed a patient and initiated direct ALS intervention. These skills include: IV/IO attempt, medication administration, cardioversion, defibrillation, intubation including King Tube, and destination decisions (trauma patients, burn patients, and pediatric trauma patients). Patient contacts that do not result in direct ALS intervention will not be counted towards the required total (i.e. Interfacility transport of an ALS patient, base station contacts for AMA, etc.). Calls in which a paramedic only applies monitoring devices such as EKG and pulse oximetry do not count towards the total. Blood glucose determination, though it is an ALS skill, will not be counted towards a 'contact' if done without any other intervention.