PARAMEDIC REACCREDITATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process by which individuals maintain YEMSA accreditation as a Paramedic.

AUTHORITY

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, §1798.200
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4

DEFINITIONS

Paramedic: Also known as Emergency Medical Technician–P (EMT–P) means an individual who is educated and trained in all elements of pre-hospital Advanced Life Support (ALS); whose scope of practice to provide ALS is in accordance with the standards prescribed by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, and who has a valid license issued pursuant to the same.

International Trauma Life Support/Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (ITLS/PHTLS) card: This card certifies that the holder has the knowledge and skills necessary to rapidly perform the initial evaluation and stabilization of the patient according to nationally recognized standards.

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) card: This certification is taught to the American Heart Association (AHA) Provider curriculum standards or equivalent level and certifies that the holder has the skills in treating adult victims of cardiac arrest or other cardiopulmonary emergencies.

MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION

I. Maintaining accreditation as a Paramedic shall be contingent upon:
   A. Complete the YEMSA's application form, which includes the statement that the individual is not precluded from accreditation for reasons defined in §1798.200 of the Health & Safety Code.
   B. Maintaining employment with an approved ALS provider in the YEMSA region.
   C. Provide evidence of possession of a current and valid State of California Paramedic license.
   D. Verification of four (4) intubations per year in the accreditation period. These intubations may be adult, pediatric, or infant; and can be any combination of live, sim man, or mannequin.
   E. Possession of a current ITLS/PHTLS card, and maintenance of that certification for accreditation.
   F. Possession of a current ACLS card, and maintenance of that certification for accreditation.
   G. Attendance at two (2) Yolo County Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)/Case Review sessions in the twenty-four (24) months prior to reaccreditation. These sessions shall have an accompanying skills/policy review in conjunction with the

CQI/Case Review session that is part of the mandatory attendance. The skills/policy review session will change topics every six (6) months at a minimum. **The two (2) sessions attended must cover different review topics.** Each session shall be approximately three (3) hours in length (including CQI/Case Review).

H. Paramedics failing to maintain the requirements specified above will result in the individual repeating some or all of the initial accreditation requirements as determined by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

I. Any application received within thirty (30) days of accreditation expiration, will be assessed a late fee.

J. For an accreditation lapse of less than (<) thirty (30) days:
   1. Meet the requirements for Maintaining Accreditation
   2. Pay Late Application Fee and Paramedic Lapse Accreditation Fee

K. For an accreditation lapse of greater than (>) thirty (30) days:
   1. Repeat all initial accreditation steps.

L. Paramedics failing to maintain the requirements specified above will not be able to function as a Paramedic.

M. Individuals functioning as a paramedic without current valid accreditation will be reported as functioning outside of medical control to the California EMS Authority and may be subject to criminal and civil penalties.

CROSS REFERENCES

Transitional Reaccreditation Policy
Paramedic Application