VERIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE TRAINING

PURPOSE

To standardize the skills identified as infrequently used and provide a method for annual evaluation of all YEMSA certified Advanced EMT's and accredited paramedic's ability to safely, efficiently and accurately perform them.

To establish a standardized method of ensuring that appropriate education and training is provided to all LALS/ALS prehospital personnel in the YEMSA on a regularly scheduled basis.

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.214

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100107, 100128, 100147, 100165, 100169 and Chapter 12

DEFINITIONS

Infrequently Used Skill: Those skills, identified below, that are performed rarely in the prehospital setting and/or that have serious complications when performed incorrectly.

A. LALS (EMT) Infrequently Used Skills

1. Adult
   a. Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device (Combitube/King Airway Device)
   b. Defibrillation/Cardioversion
   c. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices

2. Pediatric
   a. Defibrillation/Cardioversion

B. Paramedic Infrequently Used Skills

1. Adult
   a. Endotracheal Intubation
   b. Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device (King Airway Device)
   c. Defibrillation/Cardioversion
   d. Needle Decompression
   e. Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing
   f. Intraosseous Infusion
   g. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices

2. Pediatric
   a. Endotracheal Intubation
   b. Defibrillation/Cardioversion
   c. Intraosseous Infusion

YEMSA Training Module: A standardized training module developed by the YEMSA in conjunction with appropriate YEMSA members. It is the intent of the YEMSA to develop and distribute this training module on a regularly scheduled annual basis. However, additional more frequent training modules may be developed to address time sensitive material as necessary.

POLICY

A. Each LALS/ALS prehospital service provider in the YEMSA region shall verify that every EMT and/or paramedic in their agency has successfully performed all of the infrequently used skills a minimum of once every 12 months. An extension to the 12 month requirement resulting from special circumstances may be individually approved by the YEMSA upon request.

B. These skills shall be verified by successful performance in a structured training environment.

C. Skills competency shall be verified by one of the following personnel:

1. LALS/ALS service provider's CQI Coordinator or their designee (i.e. – Training Coordinator, Field Training Officer)

2. LALS/ALS service provider's Medical Director

3. Base/Modified Base Prehospital Coordinator or their designee

D. LALS/ALS service providers shall utilize the YEMSA Infrequently Used Skills. Verification of Maintenance checklists for evaluating skills competency.

E. All LALS/ALS provider agencies are required to provide these training modules in an instructor based format (i.e. – structured classroom or one on one setting). All AEMT and Paramedic personnel are required to complete this

F. Training no later than the end of the following calendar quarter. EMR and EMT personnel are encouraged to complete this training as appropriate but it is not a mandatory requirement for BLS personnel.

G. LALS/ALS service providers shall maintain documentation of skills competency and regional training module completion for each of their AEMT and/or paramedic personnel for a period not less than four (4) years.

1. The YEMSA Skills Competency Training Module Verification Summary shall be used for documenting the completion of these requirements or an independent agency worksheet. If using an independent agency worksheet, it must include similar content.

2. Documentation of skills competency and regional training module completion is subject to audit by the YEMSA. Any AEMT or paramedic who is determined to not have current skills verification and/or regional training module completion documentation on file will not be allowed to function as a YEMSA certified AEMT or accredited paramedic until they complete the required skills verification and/or regional training module.

CROSS REFERENCES

Prehospital Care Policy Manual

Skills Competency Training Module Verification Summary Form

Adult Endotracheal Intubation Skills Verification Form

King Airway Device Skills Verification Form

Cardioversion/Defibrillation Skills Verification Form

Needle Chest Decompression Skills Verification Form

Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing Skills Verification Form

Intraosseous Infusion – Powered Device (EZ-IO® or B.I.G.®) Adult & Pediatric Skills Verification Form

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Devices Skills Verification Form

Pediatric Endotracheal Intubation Skills Verification Form

Pediatric Cardioversion/Defibrillation Skills Verification Form

Intraosseous Infusion (Manual Pediatric) Skills Verification Form