

## **AEMT & PARAMEDIC SERVICE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **PURPOSE**

To establish the requirements for all YEMSA approved Advanced EMT (AEMT) and/or paramedic prehospital service provider agencies.

### **AUTHORITY**

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 3 & 4

### **POLICY**

#### **A. AEMT Prehospital Service Provider Agency Specific Responsibilities:**

1. An approved AEMT prehospital service provider agency shall:
  - a. Provide emergency medical service response on a continuous twenty-four Twenty four (24) hours per day basis unless otherwise specified by the YEMSA, in which case there shall be adequate justification for the exemption (e.g., lifeguards, ski patrol, personnel, etc.).
  - b. Have and agree to utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified in YEMSA policies.
  - c. Maintain LALS medical equipment and supplies specified in YEMSA policies.
  - d. Ensure that security mechanisms and procedures are established for controlled substances, when applicable, as indicated in YEMSA policies.
  - e. Have a written agreement with the YEMSA to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable State regulations, and local policies and procedures, including participation in the YEMSA Emergency Medical Services Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP).

Be responsible for assessing the current knowledge of their AEMTs in local policies, procedures, and protocols and for assessing their AEMTs skills competency.

2. If, through the EMSQIP the employer or YEMSA Medical Director determines that an AEMT needs additional training, observation or testing, the employer and the YEMSA Medical Director may create a specific and targeted program of remediation based upon the identified need of the AEMT. If there is disagreement between the employer and the YEMSA Medical Director, the decision of the YEMSA Medical Director shall prevail.
3. No AEMT service provider shall advertise itself as providing LALS or ALS services unless it does, in fact, routinely provide LALS or ALS services on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis, and meets the requirements of YEMSA policies.

4. No responding unit shall advertise itself as providing LALS or ALS services unless it does, in fact, provide LALS or ALS services and meets the requirements of YEMSA policies.
5. The YEMSA may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of an AEMT service provider for failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.

B. Paramedic Prehospital Service Provider Agency Specific Responsibilities:

1. An approved paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall:
  - a. Provide emergency medical service response on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis, unless otherwise specified by the YEMSA, in which case there shall be an adequate justification for the exemption (e.g., lifeguards, ski patrol personnel, etc.).
  - b. Utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified in YEMSA policies.
  - c. Maintain ALS medical equipment and supplies specified in YEMSA policies.
  - d. Ensure that security mechanisms and procedures are established for controlled substances as indicated in YEMSA policies.
  - e. Have a written agreement with the YEMSA to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable State regulations and local policies and procedures, including participation in the YEMSA Emergency Medical Services Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP).
  - f. Be responsible for assessing the current knowledge of their paramedics in local policies, procedures and protocols and for assessing their paramedics' skills competency.
2. If, through the EMSQIP the employer or YEMSA Medical Director determines that a paramedic needs additional training, observation or testing, the employer and the YEMSA Medical Director may create a specific and targeted program of remediation based upon the identified need of the paramedic. If there is disagreement between the employer and the YEMSA Medical Director, the decision of the YEMSA Medical Director shall prevail.
3. No paramedic prehospital service provider shall advertise itself as providing paramedic services unless it does, in fact, routinely provide these services on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis and meets the requirements of YEMSA policies.
4. No responding unit shall advertise itself as providing paramedic services unless it does, in fact, provide these services and meets the requirements of YEMSA policies.
5. The YEMSA may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of a paramedic prehospital service provider agency for failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.

C. General AEMT and/or Paramedic Prehospital Service Provider Agency Responsibilities:

1. Education:

A YEMSA approved AEMT and/or paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall:

- a. Maintain approval as an EMS continuing education (CE) provider.
- b. Provide formal education programs (including lectures/seminars, call critiques, etc.) for prehospital personnel.
- c. Provide special and mandatory training programs deemed necessary by the YEMSA. This shall include education/training regarding new medications and procedures.
- d. Provide supervised field internship experience for prehospital care students/trainees in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22 and YEMSA policies and procedures.
- e. Provide remediation of skills training for prehospital personnel as needed.

2. EMS System Involvement:

An YEMSA approved AEMT and/or paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall participate in YEMSA EMS regional committee meetings and other EMS activities that affect the region.

3. Patient Care Records:

An YEMSA approved AEMT and/or paramedic prehospital service provider shall participate in a collaborative manner with YEMSA data collection programs.

4. Multi Casualty Incidents/Disaster Planning and Response:

An YEMSA approved AEMT and/or paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall:

- a. Reasonably participate in regional and local MCI and disaster drills.
- b. Actively participate in regional and local disaster related planning efforts.
- c. Follow the procedures indicated in the applicable OES Region III/OES Region IV MCI Plans and YEMSA policies during a Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) or disaster.

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

Policy and Procedure Manual

Service Provider Application Process & Procedure

Documentation

Continuous Quality Improvement Program

Agency Inventory Requirements

Advanced EMT Scope of Practice

Multi Casualty Incidents (MCI)

Crisis Standard of Care Procedures

EMS Incident Reporting & Investigation

Infrequently Used Skills: Verification of Maintenance/Regional Training Module