

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION

### I. PURPOSE

Accreditation is to provide a California licensed paramedic with the authorization to function as a paramedic in Monterey County and to utilize the Monterey County paramedic scope of practice established by the EMS Medical Director while functioning as part of the Monterey County EMS system.

### II. POLICY

- A. Accreditation means authorization by the Monterey County EMS Medical Director to practice as a paramedic within that jurisdiction
- B. Application for initial and continued accreditation must be submitted through each paramedic service provider the paramedic is affiliated with.
- C. Accreditation remains active only as long as the paramedic continues to meet the qualifications for accreditation and is employed by a paramedic service provider approved by the Monterey County EMS Agency.
- D. The paramedic seeking to maintain accreditation shall submit an application to the EMS Agency through their employer verifying that they continue to meet the requirements for accreditation. This application and supporting documents shall be submitted to the EMS Agency at the time of renewal of their paramedic license.
- E. Lapse in paramedic licensure or in any of the required courses, and/or the skills maintenance requirements outlined in Policy 6090 may result in loss of accreditation or accreditation action.
- F. The Monterey County EMS paramedic service provider shall notify the EMS Agency, in writing, within five (5) business days, of the separation in service by an accredited paramedic. A description of the cause for separation shall be included in the written notification.

### III. PROCEDURE

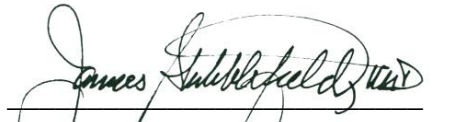
- A. Initial Accreditation - in order to be eligible for accreditation in Monterey County an individual shall:
  1. Possess a valid and current California paramedic license.
  2. Submit the Monterey County EMS application for paramedic accreditation through the relevant employer to the Monterey County EMS Agency. A copy of the following items, which must be current, shall be included with the application:
    - a. Current and valid paramedic license.

- b. CPR course completion card. The CPR course must meet the standards for course completion of the AHA healthcare provider course.
    - c. ACLS course completion card.
    - d. PALS, PEPP, or equivalent course completion card.
    - e. PHTLS, ITLS, or equivalent course completion card.
    - f. California driver's license or other acceptable government issue photo ID.
  3. Successfully complete an orientation to the Monterey County EMS system.
  4. Successfully complete training in any basic and/or local optional scope of practice for which the paramedic has not been trained and tested.
  5. Pay the accreditation fee if applicable.
  6. The relevant employer shall provide documentation of training and competency in the Monterey County EMS Agency's policies, protocols, and expanded scope of practice within 30 days of applying for accreditation. This shall include documentation that the applicant has successfully completed a supervised field evaluation, to consist of no more than ten (10) ALS responses to verify competence in local policies, protocols, procedures, and expanded scope of practice.
  7. Successfully complete a supervised pre-accreditation field evaluation to consist of no more than ten ALS responses to verify competence in local policies, procedures and expanded scope of practice within 30 days of applying for initial accreditation. Failure to successfully complete the field evaluation will result in denial of accreditation.
- B. Continuous Accreditation - in order to be eligible for continuous accreditation to practice as a paramedic in Monterey County, an individual shall provide to the EMS Agency prior to the expiration date of the paramedic accreditation the following:
  1. Provide proof of maintained California State licensure.
  2. Complete a Monterey County EMS Agency application form for paramedic continuous accreditation and submit it to the EMS Agency through the relevant employer.
  3. Pay the accreditation fee if applicable.
  4. Provide proof of continued affiliation with an approved provider.
  5. Provide documentation of training and competency in those skills and medications added by the Monterey County EMS Agency since the paramedic's initial accreditation.
  6. Provide documentation of successful course completion of ACLS, BCLS, PALS or equivalent pediatric course, and PHTLS or equivalent trauma course which is current.
  7. Provide verification of paramedic skills maintenance as required by Monterey County EMS policy.

#### IV. REFERENCES

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.7(b)(c)(d), 1797.177, 1797.178, 1797.194(f)(g), 1797.206, 1797.214, 1797.215, 1798.200, and 1799.112.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100142, 100145, 100146 100166, 100167, 100168, 100170, 100171 and 100172.

#### END OF POLICY

  
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