

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## **SPECIAL EVENTS-LIMITED PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION**

### **I. AUTHORITY**

Authority for this policy is noted in Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.178, 1797.185(a)(2)(3), and 1797.214; Title 22, California Code of Regulations Sections 100146 and 100166.

### **II. PURPOSE**

- A. To allow Monterey County EMS approved paramedic service providers to manage their responsibilities to provide service area coverage and to manage special events for which they are responsible to provide stand-by EMS services.
- B. To define the process by which a paramedic service provider may utilize paramedics under this policy.
- C. To define the scope of practice for paramedics receiving accreditation under this policy.

### **III. DEFINITION**

- A. Special Event for the purposes of this policy is any planned and organized event where an ALS service provider utilizes its personnel and resources to provide stand-by dedicated EMS services to the participants and attendees of the event.
- B. Stand-by EMS Services for the purposes of this policy are the utilization of personnel and resources to provide EMS services above regular staffing levels which are dedicated to the event and not expected to be available to respond to incidents unrelated to the event.

### **IV. POLICY**

- A. Medical control
  - 1. Medical control is maintained by the Monterey County EMS Medical Director. Online medical control is provided by designated Base Hospitals.
- B. Requirements for accreditation under this policy
  - 1. Paramedics seeking accreditation under this policy shall be currently employed by the paramedic service provider in another county with current paramedic accreditation from that county.
  - 2. Paramedics shall have completed any probationary period in the area in which they regularly work.

3. The paramedic service provider shall provide an application packet to the EMS Agency at least 10 (10) business days prior to the event which will include the following items.
  - a) Application to function as a paramedic under this policy.
  - b) Copy of the current paramedic license.
  - c) Copy of a current healthcare provider CPR card.

C. Needs assessment and EMS Agency notification by the paramedic service provider

1. The paramedic service provider shall provide a written request to the EMS Agency outlining the need for utilizing paramedics under this policy. The request shall be received at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the event and include, at a minimum, the following items.
  - a) The name of event for which temporary accreditation of paramedics is requested.
  - b) The number of paramedics for which temporary accreditation is expected.
  - c) A brief explanation of the reason(s) locally accredited paramedics are not being used to provide coverage at the event.
  - d) The requested start and end dates for accreditation.

D. Scope of practice under this policy

1. The scope of practice for the paramedic accredited under this policy shall be limited to the paramedic basic scope of practice outlined in Section 100146, Title 22, CCR, and by any limitations outlined in their local scope of practice policies.
2. Paramedics accredited under this policy shall not provide optional scope of practice skills or medications.

E. Approval for use of temporary accreditation paramedics by the EMS Agency

1. The EMS Agency will provide temporary accreditation to the paramedic service provider, in list form, naming the paramedic(s) who receive accreditation under this policy.
2. The EMS Agency will specify the effective and end dates for accreditation under this policy.
3. Accreditation shall only be effective from the start date to the end date specified in the accreditation letter provided by the EMS Agency.

F. Orientation requirements

1. The orientation shall cover, at a minimum, the following topics.
  - a) Medical control to include base physician contact only medications and procedures.
  - b) Limitation to providing basic scope of practice as outlined in Section 100146, Title 22, CCR and by the paramedic's local policies related to scope of practice.
  - c) Location of hospitals.

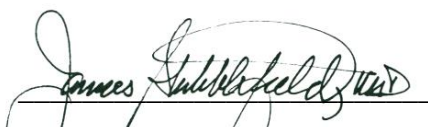
- d) Base hospital contact procedures and means of hospital contact including 12-Lead transmission.
  - e) MCI Plan overview.
  - f) Selected Monterey County policies and protocols.
  - g) Field Triage Criteria policy
  - h) Patient Care Report requirements and utilization of the provider's e-PCR system.
  - i) Radio frequencies in use and radio procedures.
  - j) Equipment orientation to include, but not limited to:
    - 1) Cardiac monitor currently in use by the ALS service provider
    - 2) EZ-IO
2. The orientation should include other topics as determined by the paramedic service provider. This may include the following topics.
- a) Unit/vehicle orientation.
  - b) Event specific information.

G. Duty assignment for special event limited accreditation paramedic

- 1. Paramedics utilized under this policy shall be assigned to work with either an EMT who has completed any probationary period or a regularly accredited paramedic. The EMT shall be currently employed in Monterey County by the paramedic service provider.
- 2. A paramedic utilized under this policy shall be assigned to work at the special event and shall not be assigned to work on a unit with 911 system responsibilities.
- 3. Paramedics utilized under this policy should not be the only ALS provider at the event if at all possible.
- 4. The paramedic unit staffed by a paramedic under this policy may stop and render assistance at the scene of a medical emergency when traveling to or returning from the special event assignment. A 911 system ambulance shall also respond to the incident. Transport of the patient should be by the regular 911 system ambulance.

H. Event reporting by the paramedic service provider

- 1. The paramedic service provider shall provide a report to the EMS Agency within two (2) business days after the last day of the event outlining the number of temporary paramedics actually used at the event, patient care provided by the temporary paramedic, and any concerns raised related to use of this policy.

  
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