

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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ALS SKILLS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

I. PURPOSE

To establish requirements for paramedic skill maintenance standards.

II. POLICY

- A. All paramedics accredited in Monterey County shall meet the standards for skills maintenance as outlined in this policy. Accreditation will not be renewed without skills maintenance verification.
- B. The paramedic is responsible to ensure that they meet the standards outlined in this policy
- C. Each paramedic service provider shall provide a summary report to the EMS Medical Director as part of the paramedic accreditation process at the time of license renewal.

III. PROCEDURE

A. ALS skill maintenance.

1. The paramedic shall perform each of the skills outlined in the Skills Maintenance Standards Matrix in the specified frequency with the specified success rate as a requirement to maintain paramedic accreditation.
2. Should the paramedic not be able to perform the outlined ALS skills in the frequency outlined in the matrix, an alternate method to meet the frequency of skills use requirement is included in the matrix.
 - a) Should the paramedic not meet the skills frequency requirements, the paramedic shall attend a skills lab approved by the EMS Medical Director.
 - b) The paramedic may substitute course completion in specified courses for certain specified skills in the skills matrix. Each of the specified courses may be used one time only per calendar year.

B. Skills maintenance reporting.

1. The paramedic service provider shall verify that the paramedic has met the standards outlined in this policy.
2. The paramedic service provider shall provide to the EMS Medical Director a summary of skills provided by the paramedic every two years.
3. The paramedic service provider shall maintain for a period of four years the documentation showing that the paramedic has met the skills performance standards.

C. Verification.

1. The EMS agency may review all records on a random basis to ensure compliance with this policy.

END OF POLICY