

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## **EMT-EXPANDED SCOPE ACCREDITATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To specify the requirements and procedure for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Expanded Scope accreditation in Monterey County.

### **II. POLICY**

A. To initially accredit to provide EMT-Expanded Scope of Practice, the EMT must:

1. Be a currently California certified EMT and work for an approved EMT-Expanded Scope Service Provider.
2. Have a current CPR card.
3. Complete all training requirements related to the EMT expanded scope of practice.
4. Receive an orientation to the Monterey County EMS system by the employer.

B. To maintain accreditation to provide EMT-Expanded Scope of Practice, the EMT must:

1. Have a current California EMT certificate.
2. Have a current CPR card.
3. Be currently employed by an approved EMT-Expanded Scope Service Provider.
4. Successfully complete all required training and skill maintenance requirements at least every two years.

C. Accreditation will be concurrent with EMT certification and will expire with expiration of EMT certification.

### **III. REFERENCES**

- A. Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code
- B. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Chapter 2

### **IV. PROCEDURE-INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

A. Complete the following training as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2 to be competent to:

1. Administer epinephrine for suspected anaphylaxis and/or severe asthma.
2. Administer intranasal naloxone for suspected narcotic overdose.
3. Perform finger stick blood glucose testing.

4. Provide CPAP.
  5. Utilize approved perilaryngeal airways.
- B. Complete the required testing for all EMT-Expanded Scope skills.
- C. Submit all of the following documents to the Monterey County EMS Agency:
1. Current California EMT certificate.
  2. Provide a copy of a current CPR/AED card.
  3. Completed Monterey County EMS Application for EMT-Expanded Scope accreditation.
  4. Documentation of approved training in all EMT-Expanded Scope skills
- D. All required documents must be received by the Monterey County EMS Agency prior to processing the application for accreditation.
- E. The EMS Agency will electronically issue documentation of accreditation. The document will contain the following information, and is normally valid for two (2) years or less:
1. The name of the individual certified.
  2. The EMT certification number.
  3. The date the accreditation is effective
  4. The date accreditation expires.
  5. The skills included in the EMT-Expanded Scope of Practice.
- F. The effective date of EMT-Expanded Scope accreditation shall be the date the applicant satisfactorily completes all certification requirements.

## **V. PROCEDURE-CONTINUING ACCREDITATION**

- A. To maintain continuing accreditation for EMT-Expanded Scope, the EMT shall:
1. Have a current California EMT certificate.
  2. Have a current CPR card.
  3. Maintain employment with an EMT-Expanded Scope Service Provider.
  4. Demonstrated knowledge and skill competency within one (1) year of applying for continued accreditation for each of the EMT-Expanded Scope skills.
- B. To obtain continued accreditation for EMT-Expanded Scope the EMT shall submit to the Monterey County EMS Agency the following:
1. A current California EMT certificate or application with Monterey County EMS Agency for recertification.
  2. A copy of a current CPR card.
  3. Documentation of continued employment with an EMT-Expanded Scope Service Provider.

4. Documentation of completed knowledge and skill competency demonstration and testing.

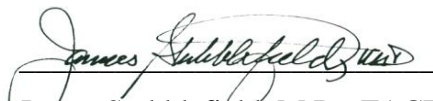
## **VI. TERMINATION OF ACCREDITATION**

- A. Accreditation will terminate upon any of the following:
  1. Expiration of the EMT certification
  2. Termination of employment with an approved EMT Expanded Scope Service Provider
  3. Failure to attend the prescribed training and skills demonstration
  4. Failure to successfully meet the established standards for testing and skills demonstration
  5. Demonstrated inability to perform the skills successfully during patient care following the processes outlined in California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Chapter 6.

## **VII. EMT-EXPANDED SCOPE COMPETENCE/TESTING**

- A. Competence standards shall be developed or approved by the Monterey County EMS Agency for:
  1. Written exam
  2. Skills exam

### **END OF POLICY**

  
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