

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION RENEWAL

I. PURPOSE

Accreditation provides a California licensed paramedic with 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 is the authorization by the Monterey County EMS Medical Director to practice as a paramedic within the jurisdiction of the employing Paramedic Service Provider.
- B. Accreditation remains active only if the paramedic continues to meet the qualifications for accreditation and is employed by an approved Monterey County EMS Paramedic Service Provider.
- C. The paramedic must receive training and demonstrate competency in new and revised policies and protocols through an approved Monterey County EMS Paramedic Service Provider within the three (3) months prior to the policy and protocol effective date.
- D. The paramedic seeking to maintain accreditation shall submit a renewal application to the EMS Agency verifying that they meet the requirements to renew their accreditation. This application and supporting documents must be submitted to the EMS Agency following renewal of their paramedic license. The application and supporting documents must be received by the Monterey County EMS Agency prior to the expiration date of their current Monterey County paramedic accreditation.
- 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. Accreditation renewal will be for the same period as the paramedic license submitted with the application for renewal. Accreditation will end upon termination of employment with an approved Monterey County EMS Paramedic Service Provider.
- G. The Monterey County EMS Paramedic Service Provider must notify the EMS Agency, in writing, within five (5) business days of the separation in service by an accredited paramedic. The notification must include a description of the cause for separation.

III. PROCEDURE


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- A. Continuous Accreditation - to be eligible for continuous accreditation in Monterey County, an individual must submit the following to the EMS Agency before the expiration date of their current paramedic accreditation:
1. Proof of maintained California State paramedic licensure.
 2. A complete Monterey County EMS Agency accreditation renewal application.
 3. Accreditation fee if applicable.
 4. Proof of continued affiliation with an approved Monterey County EMS Paramedic Service Provider.
 5. Documentation of training and competency in those skills and medications added by the Monterey County EMS Agency since the paramedic's initial accreditation.
 6. Documentation of current successful course completion of ACLS, BCLS, PALS or equivalent pediatric course, and PHTLS or equivalent trauma course.
 7. Verification of paramedic skills maintenance as required by Monterey County EMS System Policy 6090.

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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