

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PREHOSPITAL CARE
CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION

PURPOSE

To establish the criteria for the determination of eligibility for issuance of prehospital emergency medical care EMT certification and Paramedic accreditation, and to establish the parameters for denial, restriction at time of issuance, temporary suspension and revocation of prehospital emergency medical care certification or accreditation that is consistent with applicable state regulations and local policies.

AUTHORITY

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Accreditation: A document that attests that a currently licensed Paramedic meets local criteria to provide ALS patient care; this care is provided under the direction of the EMS Agency Medical Director in accordance with local scope of practice.
- B. Certificate: A document issued to an individual denoting competence in the named area of prehospital service. (§1797.61)
- C. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT): An individual trained in prehospital and Basic Life Support (BLS) skills that possesses a valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate as prescribed by local and state regulations. (§1797.80)
- D. Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation: California Emergency Medical Services Authority's Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation and Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation for EMT (Basic) and Advanced EMT (EMT-II).

POLICY

- A. All certification and accreditation applications shall be reviewed by EMS Agency staff and the following shall be evaluated to determine an applicant's eligibility:
 - 1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements for the issuance of an EMT certification or Paramedic accreditation as described in San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency prehospital policies and California Code of Regulations.
 - 2. Preclusions from being issued a prehospital care certification or accreditation as listed in California Code of Regulations and California Health & Safety Code.
- B. The Medical Director of the EMS Agency may revoke, deny, temporarily suspend or issue a restricted prehospital emergency medical care certification or accreditation based on criteria included in California Code of Regulations and Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation.
- C. All certification and accreditation applications that indicate, or are discovered to have, circumstances that may preclude issuance of a prehospital care certificate or accreditation, shall be subject to additional review as described in California Code of Regulations and Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation.
- D. Certification actions by the EMS Agency Medical Director are valid statewide and honored by all certifying entities for a period of twelve (12) months.
- E. An applicant who has been denied initial certification or renewal, or has a certificate suspended or revoked, is entitled to contest that action in accordance with the applicable section of the California Code of Regulations. EMS Agency staff shall assure that all such applicants are apprised of their right to due process.