

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 913

SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION TO PRACTICE

PURPOSE:

To establish a mechanism for obtaining accreditation to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region, and to outline requirements for maintaining S-SV accreditation.

AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.84, 1797.185, 1797.194, 1797.214.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

POLICY:

- A. In order to be eligible for accreditation, an individual shall:
1. Possess a valid Paramedic License issued in the State of California.
 2. Complete an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application.
 3. Provide written proof of current or offered employment as a paramedic with an S-SV EMS approved ALS service provider.
 4. Pay the accreditation fee.
 5. Provide a copy of California Driver's License or government issued photo identification card.
 6. Once the above steps are completed, attend an S-SV EMS approved orientation of the S-SV EMS system.
 7. Successfully complete and demonstrate competency in optional S-SV Paramedic Scope of Practice procedures/medications. Once successfully tested in any of these procedures/medications in any jurisdiction in California, no further testing shall be required if the testing agency or jurisdiction provides documentation.
 8. Successfully complete a supervised pre-accreditation field evaluation consisting of up to 10 ALS contacts.

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- a. This requirement shall be waived by providing documentation of five (5) ALS contacts in the S-SV region during the paramedic education program field internship.
 - b. This requirement shall be waived if the paramedic accreditation candidate has been actively employed as a field paramedic in the State of California, within the past six (6) months, and has a minimum of one (1) year's experience as a paramedic.
9. Pass an S-SV examination on S-SV policy/procedure and protocols with a minimum score of 80%. If the examination is failed twice, the orientation shall be repeated prior to re-testing.
 10. All of the above requirements shall be met within 60 days of completion of the S-SV orientation.
 11. Upon completion of all the above requirements, the individual will be issued an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Card with effective and expiration dates. The S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Card will have the same expiration date as the individual's current California State Paramedic license.
- B. Requirements for Maintaining S-SV Paramedic Accreditation:

To maintain continuous accreditation, a paramedic shall:

1. Complete and submit an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application.
2. Maintain and provide proof of continuous paramedic licensure in the State of California.
3. Maintain employment as a paramedic in the S-SV region with an approved ALS service provider.
4. Maintain and provide proof of continuous PALS or PEPP recognition.

PALS/PEPP recognition will not be required at the time of initial accreditation in the S-SV region. PALS/PEPP recognition will be required at the time of paramedic re-accreditation.

5. Completion of S-SV EMS Agency mandated education, as required. This education includes, but is not limited to, policies, procedures, skills, medications and/or devices/equipment.
6. The ALS service provider will provide orientation to all Paramedic personnel for all new and/or revised policies/protocols and/or procedures.
 - a. The ALS service provider shall be responsible for ensuring that all field employees are kept current on local policies and procedures. This

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includes part-time employees that may work shifts within the S-SV EMS region on an infrequent basis.

- b. The ALS service provider shall be responsible for ensuring that all S-SV mandatory education requirements are met/completed by all ALS personnel.

7. Upon submission of a completed application and copies of the current state license and PALS / PEPP recognition, the individual will be issued an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Card with effective and expiration dates. The S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Card will have the same expiration date as the individual's current California State Paramedic license.

C. Lapse in maintaining S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Requirements:

A lapse in maintenance of S-SV requirements for paramedic accreditation shall require the following in order to be eligible for S-SV Paramedic Accreditation:

1. A lapse of less than one year:
 - a. Complete and submit an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application.
2. A lapse of more than one year but less than two years:
 - a. Complete and submit an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application.
 - b. Provide the S-SV EMS Agency with written documentation of completion of orientation/training by the employing ALS service provider to all S-SV EMS Agency protocol updates during the lapse of accreditation.
3. A lapse of more than two years:
 - a. All requirements for initial accreditation, as outlined in Section A of this policy, shall be met.

D. ALS Service Provider Agency Responsibilities:

If there is a change in the employment status of an S-SV accredited paramedic employee; the ALS service provider shall immediately submit a completed "S-SV Paramedic Employee Status Report", Reference No. 913-A, to the S-SV EMS Agency.

APPLICATION PROCESSING:

- A. A completed and signed application and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to the S-SV EMS Agency prior to processing. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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1. Incomplete applications will be maintained by the S-SV EMS Agency for 60 days awaiting required supporting documentation. All applications not completed within 60 days will be destroyed.

- B. The S-SV EMS Agency will process completed applications within 10 business days.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Policy and Procedure Manual

Paramedic Scope of Practice, Reference No. 803.