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| Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy | | | |
| Paramedic Accreditation | | | |
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PURPOSE:

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

AUTHORITY:

- A. HSC, Div. 2.5, § 1797.84, 1797.185, 1797.194, 1797.204, 1797.206, 1797.214, 1797.218, 1797.220, 1798, & 1798.2.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Div. 9, Ch. 3.3, § 100090.08, § 100091.02, & § 100094.02.

POLICY:

A. Initial Paramedic Accreditation:

1. To obtain initial S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation, an individual shall:
 - Submit a completed paramedic accreditation application.
 - Provide a copy of their current California paramedic license.
 - Provide a copy of their current U.S. state-issued driver’s license or photo identification card.
 - Effective on or after July 1, 2024, provide a copy of their current PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy Prehospital Pediatric Provider Course (for entities using the Handtevy system) recognition.
 - Effective on or after July 1, 2024, provide a copy of their current ACLS Course recognition.
 - Successfully complete an S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation class and pass a policy/protocol examination with a minimum score of 80%.
 - If the examination is failed twice, the individual will be required to repeat the paramedic accreditation class prior to re-testing.
 - Provide verification of one of the following:
 - Current paramedic accreditation from another California LEMSA.
 - Successful completion of a paramedic training program field internship conducted in the S-SV EMS region within the previous six (6) months.

- Successful completion of a supervised field evaluation consisting of a minimum of five (5), but no more than ten (10), ALS contacts conducted in the S-SV EMS region within the previous 60 days.
 - Pay the accreditation fee.
2. An individual with a current California paramedic license may practice in the paramedic basic scope of practice, under the affiliation of an S-SV EMS approved ALS prehospital service provider agency and direct supervision of an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic, until they have completed the initial accreditation process. This temporary authorization shall be valid for a maximum of 60 days, after which time all initial accreditation requirements must be met for the individual to continue to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.
 3. If initial accreditation requirements are not met within 60 days of completion of the S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation class, the individual must repeat all initial accreditation requirements to obtain S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation.
 4. S-SV EMS will issue a paramedic accreditation certificate to eligible individuals, within 10 working days of submission/verification of all requirements listed in this section of the policy.
 - The accreditation certificate effective date will be the day the certificate was issued.
 - The accreditation certificate expiration date will be the expiration date listed on the individual's current California paramedic license.

B. Renewal/Maintenance of Paramedic Accreditation:

1. To renew/maintain accreditation, an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic shall complete the following each time they renew their California paramedic license:
 - Submit a completed S-SV EMS paramedic reaccreditation application.
 - Provide a copy of their renewed California paramedic license.
 - Provide a copy of their current PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy Prehospital Pediatric Provider Course (for entities using the Handtevy system) recognition.
 - Effective on or after July 1, 2024, provide a copy of their current ACLS Course recognition.
 - Complete S-SV EMS mandated education.
2. Failure to comply with the renewal/maintenance of paramedic accreditation requirements listed in this policy will result in a lapse of paramedic accreditation, and the individual will not be allowed to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region until they comply with the renewal/maintenance of paramedic accreditation requirements.

- For a lapse greater than 6 months, the individual shall also successfully complete an S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation class and pass a policy/protocol examination with a minimum score of 80% to be eligible for paramedic accreditation renewal.
3. S-SV EMS will issue a paramedic accreditation certificate to eligible individuals, within 10 working days of submission/verification of all requirements listed in this section of the policy.
- The accreditation certificate effective date will be the effective date listed on the individual's renewed California paramedic license.
 - The accreditation certificate expiration date will be the expiration date listed on the individual's renewed California paramedic license.

C. ALS Prehospital Service Provider Agency Responsibilities:

1. ALS prehospital service provider agencies are responsible for the following:
- Verifying their paramedic personnel have a current and valid S-SV EMS accreditation prior to allowing them to practice independently as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.
 - Verifying the accreditation renewal/maintenance status of their paramedic personnel on an ongoing basis.
 - Ensuring that their paramedic personnel are kept current on S-SV EMS policies/protocols.
 - Ensuring that their paramedic personnel complete all S-SV EMS required training/education.
2. If there is a change in the employment status of an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic employee, the ALS prehospital service provider agency shall submit a completed S-SV EMS Paramedic Employee Status Report (913-A or online form) to S-SV EMS within 30 calendar days of such change.