

EMS PERSONNEL

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

**POLICY #2100**

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- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.170, 1795.175 and 1797.210 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 100079-100083.
- II. **Purpose:** To establish the requirements for EMT certification/recertification in the County of Imperial.
- III. **Policy:**
  - A. To be eligible for certification as an EMT in Imperial County, the candidate must meet the following criteria:
    1. **Initial Certification:**
      - a. Must be 18 years of age or older.
      - b. Must hold a valid EMT Course Completion Record from an approved EMT course.
      - c. Must hold a current EMT National Registry Card.
      - d. Must possess a current CPR Card (Health Care Provider/Professional Rescuer or equivalent).
      - e. Must submit to a California Department of Justice (DOJ) live scan and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check (separate from any agency requirement).
      - f. Application for certification must be made within two (2) years of being issued an EMT Course Completion record.
    2. **Recertification:**
      - a. Hold a current EMT Certificate in the State of California.
      - b. Successfully complete an approved refresher course within the two (2) years prior to application for recertification, or
      - c. Complete 24 hours of approved continuing education (CE) within two (2) years prior to application for recertification.
      - d. Present a current CPR Card (Health Care Provider/Professional Rescuer or equivalent).

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- e. Submit to a California Department of Justice (DOJ) live scan and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check if not yet completed for County of Imperial EMS.
- f. Submit a complete an EMT skills competency verification form.

**3. Lapse in Certification:**

- a. For a lapse within six months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for re-certification.
- b. For a lapse of six months or more, but less than twelve months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for recertification and complete an additional twelve hours of continuing education for a total of 36 hours of training.
- c. For a lapse of twelve months or more, but less than 24 months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for recertification and complete an additional twenty-four hours of continuing education, for a total 48 hours of training, and present a current National Registry Card.
- d. For a lapse of greater than twenty-four months the individual shall complete an entire EMT course and comply with the original requirements for initial certification.

**B. Notification responsibilities:**

- 1. The EMT shall be responsible for notifying County of Imperial EMS of her/his proper and current mailing and residential address and shall notify County of Imperial EMS in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of any and all changes of the mailing and residential address, giving both the old and the new address, and California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) EMT central registry number.

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- C. An application for certification or recertification shall be denied without prejudice and does not require an administrative hearing, when an applicant does not meet the requirements for certification or recertification, including but not limited to:
  - 1. Failure to pass certification or recertification examination.
  - 2. Lack of sufficient continuing education or documentation of a completed refresher course.
  - 3. Failure to furnish additional information or documents requested by the certifying entity.
  - 4. Failure to pay any required state and local fees.
  
- D. The denial shall be in effect until all requirements for certification or recertification are met. If a certificate expires before recertification requirements are met, the certificate shall be deemed a lapsed certificate and subject to the provision pertaining to lapsed certificates.
  
- E. An individual who is a member of the reserves and is deployed for active duty with a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, whose California EMT certificate expires during the time the individual is on active duty or less than six (6) months from the date the individual is deactivated/released from active duty, may be given an extension of the expiration date of the individual's EMT certificate for up to six (6) months from the date of the individual's EMT certificate upon compliance with the following provisions:
  - 1. Provide documentation from the respective branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the individual's dates of activation and deactivation/release from duty.
  - 2. If there is no lapse in certification, meet the requirements for recertification. If there is a lapse, meet the requirements of a lapsed certification.
  - 3. Provide documentation showing that the CE activities submitted for the certification renewal period were taken not earlier than thirty (30) calendar

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days prior to the effective date of the individual's EMT certificate that was valid when the individual was activated for duty and not later than six (6) months from the date of deactivation/release from duty.

4. For an individual whose active duty requires the use of EMT skills, credit may be given for documented training that meets the requirements of Chapter 11, EMS CE Regulations (Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations) while the individual was on active duty. The documentation shall include verification from the individual's Commanding Officer attesting to the classes attended.

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Authority: Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5; California Code of Regulations, Title 22

An EMT-I student or a currently certified EMT-I may:

- During training while under supervision of a physician, registered nurse, physician's assistance, EMT-P, or EMT-II;
- While at the scene of an emergency;
- During transport; or
- During interfacility transfer,

In accordance with Imperial County EMS Policies, Procedures, and Protocols:

1. Perform any activity identified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Section 100063 (Scope of Practice of EMT-I)
  2. Perform Optional (Advanced) Skills in accordance with Policy #2200, *EMT-I Optional Skill Accreditation*
  3. During interfacility transfers, a certified EMT-I may monitor peripheral IV lines including, but not limited to, heplocks, saline locks, Hickmans, and Port-a-Catheters, provided the following conditions are met:
    - A written order signed by the transferring physician is provided to the EMT-I stating that the patient is stable for transportation by an EMT-I ambulance. The order must include the rate of infusion for the IV fluids and the type of solution infusing.
    - No medications can be added to the IV fluids.
    - 3.1 The following IV solutions may be monitored by the EMT-I during interfacility transfers:
      - D5/Water
      - D5/NaCl (any concentration up to 0.9%)
      - D5/Lactated Ringers
      - Normal Saline (NaCl)
      - Lactated Ringers
    - 3.2 Patients with vascular access lines through shunts or fistulas are not to be transported by EMT-Is
  4. During interfacility transfers, a certified EMT-I may monitor patients with the following invasive tubes and other medical adjuncts:
    - 4.1 Nasogastric Tubes (NGT)
    - 4.2 Abdominal Tubes (Gastrostomy tubes, ureterostomy tubes, wound drains, etc.)
    - 4.3 Foley Catheters
    - 4.4 Tracheostomy Tubes
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## EMT OPTIONAL SKILL ACCREDITATION

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- I. **Authority:** California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 100064, Section 100064.1 and California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 1797.210 (a), and Chapter 5, Section 1798.
- II. **Purpose:** To set forth the criteria for EMT's to be accredited to perform optional advanced skills in Imperial County.
- III. **Policy:** To be eligible for accreditation to perform an optional advanced skill, the individual must:

### A. Initial Accreditation

1. Possess current certification as an EMT in California
2. Possess a valid optional skill course completion certificate from an approved training program.
3. Submit a completed application to the EMS Agency.
4. Upon successfully completing the requirements for optional skill accreditation, an accreditation card shall be issued that specifies the optional skills the EMT is authorized to perform as follows:
  - i. **Module A:** Perilaryngeal Airway Adjunct
  - ii. The issue date shall be the date the applicant completes all requirements for optional skill accreditation. The expiration date shall be the same as the expiration date of the EMT Certification.

### B. Continuous Accreditation Requirements

1. Once issued, optional skill accreditation is renewed by meeting the following requirements:
  - i. Maintain EMT Certification
  - ii. Skills competency demonstrated by direct observation of an actual or simulated patient contact for each optional skill the EMT is authorized to perform. Skills demonstrations shall include a review of the skill(s), medications and conditions for which they can be administered. The

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interval between skills demonstration sessions shall be every two (2) years from the date of accreditation. An EMT Optional Skills Competency Verification Form must be completed for each 2 years.

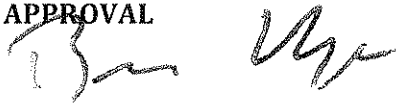
2. Failure to meet the criteria listed in B.1 shall result in suspension of the optional skill accreditation (see Section C for reactivation requirements).

**C. Reactivation of a suspended authorization**

1. In order to reactivate a suspended optional skill accreditation, an individual must successfully complete the following prior to performing the optional advanced skill:
  - i. Expired EMT: Obtain current certification as an EMT.
  - ii. Lapse in Optional Skill Accreditation of less than one year: Complete the required skills verification form.
  - iii. Lapse in Optional Skill Accreditation of more than one year: Pass an approved optional skill written and practical certifying exam and reapply to the EMS Agency for accreditation.

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**ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (AEMT)  
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- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.170, 1795.175 and 1797.210, California Code of Regulations Title 22, Chapter 3, sections 100101-100130.
- II. **Purpose:** To establish the requirements for Advanced EMT (AEMT) certification/recertification in the County of Imperial.
- III. **Policy:**
  - A. To be eligible for certification as an AEMT in Imperial County, the candidate must meet the following criteria:
    1. **Initial Certification:**
      - a. Must be 18 years of age or older.
      - b. Must hold a valid AEMT Course Completion Record from an approved AEMT course.
      - c. Must possess a current CPR Card (Health Care Provider/Professional Rescuer or equivalent).
      - d. Must submit to a California Department of Justice (DOJ) live scan and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check if not performed for EMT certification (separate from any agency requirement).
      - e. Complete an AEMT application.
      - f. Application for certification must be made within two (2) years of being issued an AEMT Course Completion record.
      - g. Pay established local and state fee.
      - h. Provide proof of affiliation with an approved AEMT and/or pre-existing EMT-II service provider.
      - i. Successfully complete a precertification field evaluation by a designee of the EMS Medical Director.
      - j. An AEMT shall only be certified by one (1) AEMT certifying entity during a certification period.



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- k. Certification as an AEMT shall be valid for a maximum of two (2) years from the effective date of certification. The expiration date shall be the final day of the month of the two (2) year period.

2. Recertification:

- a. Hold a current AEMT certification in the State of California.
- b. Complete 36 hours of approved continuing education (CE) within two (2) years prior to application for recertification.
- c. Present a current CPR Card (Health Care Provider/Professional Rescuer or equivalent).
- d. Submit to a California Department of Justice (DOJ) live scan and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check if not yet completed for County of Imperial EMS.
- e. Submit a complete AEMT skills competency verification form.
- f. Complete an Advanced EMT recertification application
- g. Pay established local and state fee.
- h. Provide proof of affiliation with an approved AEMT and/or pre-existing EMT-II service provider.
- i. An AEMT shall only be certified by one (1) AEMT certifying entity during a certification period.
- j. Certification as an AEMT shall be valid for a maximum of two (2) years from the effective date of certification. The expiration date shall be the final day of the month of the two (2) year period.

3. Lapse in Certification:

- a. For a lapse within six (6) months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for re-certification.
- b. For a lapse of six (6) months or more, but less than twelve (12) months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for

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recertification and complete an additional twelve (12) hours of continuing education for a total of forty-eight (48) hours of training.

- c. For a lapse of twelve months or more, but less than twenty-four (24) months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for recertification and complete an additional twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education, for a total sixty (60) hours of training, and pass the written and skills certification exam.
- d. For a lapse of greater than twenty-four (24) months the individual shall complete an entire Advance EMT course and comply with the original requirements for initial certification.

B. Notification responsibilities:

- 1. The AEMT shall be responsible for notifying County of Imperial EMS of her/his proper and current mailing and residential address and shall notify County of Imperial EMS in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of any and all changes of the mailing and residential address, giving both the old and the new address, and California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) AEMT central registry number.

C. An application for certification or recertification shall be denied without prejudice and does not require an administrative hearing, when an applicant does not meet the requirements for certification or recertification, including but not limited to:

- 1. Failure to pass certification or recertification examination.
- 2. Lack of sufficient continuing education.
- 3. Failure to furnish additional information or documents requested by the certifying entity.

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4. Failure to pay any required fees.
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- D. The denial shall be in effect until all requirements for certification or recertification are met. If a certificate expires before recertification requirements are met, the certificate shall be deemed a lapsed certificate and subject to the provision pertaining to lapsed certificates.
  - E. An individual who is a member of the reserves and is deployed for active duty with a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, whose California AEMT certificate expires during the time the individual is on active duty or less than six (6) months from the date the individual is deactivated/released from active duty, may be given an extension of the expiration date of the individual's AEMT or EMT-II certificate for up to six (6) months from the date of the individual's AEMT or EMT-II certificate upon compliance with the following provisions:
    1. Provide documentation from the respective branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the individual's dates of activation and deactivation/release from duty.
    2. If there is no lapse in certification, meet the requirements for recertification. If there is a lapse, meet the requirements of a lapsed certification.
    3. Provide documentation showing that the CE activities submitted for the certification renewal period were taken not earlier than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of the individual's AEMT or EMT-II certificate that was valid when the individual was activated for duty and not later than six (6) months from the date of deactivation/release from duty.

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4. For an individual whose active duty requires the use of AEMT or EMT-II skills, credit may be given for documented training that meets the requirements of Chapter 11, EMS CE Regulations (Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations) while the individual was on active duty. The documentation shall include verification from the individual's Commanding Officer attesting to the classes attended.

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**Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)**  
**Scope of Practice**

**POLICY #2310**

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- I. **Authority:** California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, Sections 100106-100106.1 and Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.107, 1797.171.
- II. **Purpose:** To establish the scope of practice for Advanced EMT (AEMT) in the County of Imperial.
- III. **Policy:**
  - A. An AEMT student or a currently certified AEMT affiliated with an approved AEMT service provider may:
    1. While caring for patients in a hospital or field setting as part of his/her training or continuing education under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse, physician assistant, or paramedic; or,
    2. While at the scene of a medical emergency; or,
    3. During transport; or,
    4. During interfacility transfer;
  - B. In accordance with Imperial County EMS Policies, Procedures, and Protocols:
    1. Perform any activity identified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, Section 100063 (Scope of Practice of an EMT).
    2. Perform the following procedures:
      - a. Blood glucose measurement by venous blood/finger stick
      - b. Defibrillation
      - c. Oral intubation with perilaryngeal airway
      - d. Injections (SC/IM)
      - e. Intravenous catheter establishment (peripheral, including external jugular)
      - f. Intravenous medication and solution administration
      - g. Oral medication administration (including sublingual)

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**Scope of Practice**

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- h. Saline lock utilization
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- 3. Administer the following medications:
    - a. Albuterol, nebulized
    - b. Activated Charcoal
    - c. Aspirin
    - d. Dextrose 25% and 50%
    - e. Epinephrine (1:1,000 and 1:10,000)
    - f. Glucagon
    - g. Irrigation solutions (sterile water, saline)
    - h. Naloxone
    - i. Nitroglycerine (sublingual tablets or spray)
    - j. Normal Saline
    - k. Oxygen
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- 4. Advanced EMT Local Optional Scope of Practice
    - a. Monitor and administer EMT-II medications through preexisting vascular access
    - b. Synchronized cardioversion
    - c. Atropine sulfate
    - d. Lidocaine hydrochloride
    - e. Midazolam
    - f. Morphine sulfate

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1. APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for accreditation as an EMT -P in Imperial County, a complete application packet shall be submitted to the County EMS Agency. The packet shall include the following:

- Application for Accreditation
- Statement of Eligibility
- California EMT -P License
- California Drivers License
- Application fee

2. ORIENTATION PROCESS

- 2.1 Orientation shall include information and testing on local policies and treatment protocols, radio communications, base and receiving hospitals, and other unique system features. The applicant shall be provided with the information to be tested prior to testing.
- 2.2 Upon submitting an application for accreditation, an EMT -P may begin work immediately in the basic scope of practice. However, until the accreditation process is completed, the EMT -P applicant can only work with a second EMT-P who is already accredited in this county.

3. PRE-ACCREDITATION FIELD EVALUATION

- 3.1 All candidates for accreditation shall complete a field evaluation to determine if the candidate is knowledgeable to begin functioning under local policies and protocols. The field evaluator must be an EMT -P approved by the local EMS agency and must be present with the applicant throughout patient care. A third person must be available to drive an ambulance. The evaluator has the ultimate responsibility for patient care rendered by this EMT -P team. The agency conducting the field evaluation of an EMT -P accreditation applicant must submit a letter accepting such responsibility to the County EMS Agency.
- 3.2 Field evaluations shall be limited to no more than ten (10) ALS calls. This is not to preclude applicants from working in the basic scope of practice as a second EMT -P on a unit during the time when they are not in the pre-accreditation field evaluation.

4. EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- 4.1 Training and testing in any expanded scope of practice skill will focus on local policies, procedures, equipment utilization and other aspects that may differ from another County. The local EMS Agency may choose to delegate this training and testing to other EMS system participants. Testing in the expanded scope of practice may be in written, oral and/or skills format. Repeated training may be required until proficiency is achieved.

- 4.2 Training and testing in the expanded scope of practice must be completed within thirty (30) days from receipt of application for accreditation. The provider agency may do the training and testing on any optional scope if time is a factor.

5. ACCREDITATION

- 5.1 Accreditation shall be continuous as long as the EMT -P maintains a valid license, maintains the appropriate level of education and training, and adheres to local medical care standards and protocols.
- 5.2 The Imperial County EMS Agency may waive portions of the accreditation requirements as deemed necessary and appropriate.

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**IMPERIAL COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**PARAMEDIC**

**JOHN DOE**

**CA LICENSE #            P-00000**

**IC ACCREDITATION #    00-000**

**ISSUED: 00/00/00**

**APPLICATION  
IMPERIAL COUNTY  
PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION**

Full Name:

*LAST*

*FIRST*

*MIDDLE*

Home Mailing Address:

*STREET*

*APT. NUMBER*

*CITY*

*STATE*

*ZIP*

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Paramedic Service Provider Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

CA EMT-P License # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Paramedic Training Program:

*NAME OF PROGRAM*

*ADDRESS*

*CITY*

*STATE*

*DATE COURSE COMPLETION*

List all counties in which you have obtained current or previous accreditation.

Have you ever had a certification, license, or accreditation denied, suspended, revoked, or put on probation?

☐ NO

☐ YES

If yes, attach a separate sheet of paper describing each occurrence including date(s) and county(s) of occurrence.

I hereby affirm that all questions have been answered fully to the best of my knowledge. I realize that any errors or omissions would be grounds for denial or revocation of this application or of my accreditation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*SIGNATURE*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*DATE*

Attach copy of your current CA EMT-P license, CA driver's license, and a completed statement of Accreditation Eligibility.

**STATEMENT OF**  
**AFFILIATION WITH SERVICE PROVIDER**

This form is to be completed by the service provider supervisor. Once completed please fax to the EMS Agency at (760) 482-4519.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be functioning as a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name) (Paid, Volunteer)

\_\_\_\_\_ for this Department. They will be covered by our liability insurance  
(First Responder, EMT-I, II, P, MICN)

while performing these duties. They will be on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full, Part Time)

status as defined below.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Supervisor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Service Provider)

Full Time:

A. Employed full time, and primary assignment is to the ambulance, rescue squad or emergency department.

Part Time:

A. Employed full time, and primary assignment not always to the ambulance, rescue squad or emergency department; or

B. Employed part time.

## STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION/ ACCREDITATION ELIGIBILITY

As required by Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code and Title XII California Code of Regulations; all accreditation candidates must read and sign the following:

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that none of the following statements are true regarding myself, except as noted after my signature:

1. Committed fraud in the procurement of any required certificate.
2. Required under Section 290 of the Penal Code to register as a sex offender for any offence involving force, duress, threat or intimidation.
3. Habitually or excessively uses or is addicted to narcotics or dangerous drugs, or has been convicted during the preceding seven years of any offense relating to the use, sale, possession or transportation of narcotics or addictive or dangerous drugs.
4. Habitually and excessively uses intoxicating beverages.
5. Has been convicted during the proceeding seven years of any offense punishable as a felony and involving force, violence, of any degree during that period. Is on parole or probation for such offenses or crimes involving force, violence, threat, or intimidation.
6. Has committed any act involving moral turpitude, including fraud or intentional dishonesty for personal gain within the preceding seven years.
7. Has demonstrated irrational behavior or incurred a physical disability to the extent that a reasonable and prudent person would have reasonable cause to believe that his/her ability to perform the duties normally expected of an EMT-P, EMT-II, or EMT-I may be impaired.
8. Commission or conviction of any fraudulent, dishonest or corrupt act which is substantially related to the qualification, functions, and duties of pre-hospital personnel.
9. Violating or attempting to violate directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provisional of this part or the regulation promulgated by the authority pertaining to pre-hospital personnel.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions:

An EMT-P student or a currently certified EMT-P affiliated with an approved EMT-P service provider may:

- While caring for patients in a hospital as part of his/her training or continuing education under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse, or physician assistant; or,
- While at the scene of a medical emergency; or,
- During transport; or,
- During interfacility transfer;

In accordance with Imperial County EMS Policies, Procedures, and Protocols:

1. Perform any activity identified in the California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Section 100106 (Scope of Practice of an EMT-II) and Section 100063 (Scope of Practice of an EMT-I).
2. Perform the following procedures:
  - Blood glucose measurement by venous blood/finger stick
  - Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
  - Defibrillation
  - ECG monitoring and dysrhythmia recognition
  - Endotracheal intubation
  - Endotracheal medication administration
  - Oral intubation with Perilaryngeal Airway (King LTD)
  - Injections (SC/IM)
  - Intravenous (peripheral, including external jugular) catheter establishment
  - Intravenous medication and solution administration
  - Intranasal medication administration
  - Laryngoscope use
  - Magill forceps use
  - Monitor thoracostomy tubes
  - Monitor intravenous solutions with potassium  $\leq 40$  mEq/l
  - Monitor and administer EMT-P medications through preexisting vascular access
  - Oral medication administration (including sublingual)
  - Pleural decompression by needle thoracostomy
  - Saline lock utilization
  - Synchronized cardioversion
  - Transcutaneous Pacing (TCP)
  - Tourniquet
  - Valsalva maneuver

3. Administer the following medications:

- Activated charcoal
- Adenosine
- Albuterol, nebulized
- Aspirin
- Atropine sulfate
- Calcium chloride
- Dextrose 25% and 50%
- Diphenhydramine
- Dopamine hydrochloride
- Epinephrine (1:1,000 and 1:10,000)
- Glucagon
- Irrigation solutions (sterile water, saline)
- Lidocaine hydrochloride
- Midazolam
- Morphine sulfate
- Naloxone
- Nitroglycerine (sublingual tablets or spray)
- Normal Saline
- Ondansetron
- Oxygen
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Verapamil

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Authority: Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5; California Code of Regulations, Title 22.

All candidates shall meet the following authorization requirements:

1. Prerequisite Criteria (Documentation that these criteria have been met must be submitted with the candidate's application for authorization):
  - 1.1 Provide evidence of valid and current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California.
  - 1.2 Provide evidence of valid and current ACLS card according to the standards of the American Heart Association.
  - 1.3 Provide evidence of previous authorization as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (or Authorized Registered Nurse) in a California county, or  
  
Provide evidence of a minimum of 12 months critical care experience as a Registered Nurse of which at least 6 months must be within the emergency department of an acute care hospital, and  
  
Provide evidence of successful completion of a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Course approved by the local EMS Agency.
  - 1.4 The candidate will complete an ALS emergency response vehicle observation experience consisting of direct observation of at least 16 hours, which must include at least four (4) ALS patient contacts in which the patient was assessed and treated in the field.
2. Complete the Imperial County MICN Application Packet.
3. Pay all related local MICN authorization and/or testing fee (s).
4. Provide proof of employment as follows:
  - 4.1 Within the emergency department of a designated Base Hospital; OR
  - 4.2 Principal Instructor for the Paramedic Training Program at Imperial Valley College.
5. Upon successful completion of 1- 4 above, the local EMS Agency shall authorize the candidate as a base hospital MICN for a period of four (4) years from the last day of the month in which the certification requirements are met.
6. Candidates failing to successfully complete the authorization process within twelve (12) months from their initial written testing date must repeat the entire authorization process.

Reauthorization: only candidates authorized in Imperial County are eligible for reauthorization. All reauthorization candidates shall meet the following requirements and provide documentation to the EMS Agency:

1. Pay all related local MICN reauthorization and/or testing fee (s), if any.
2. Provide evidence of valid and current licensure as a registered nurse in California.
3. Provide evidence of valid and current American Heart Association ACLS card.
4. Provide proof of having obtained required continuing education approved by the local EMS Agency as follows:
  - 4.1 Attend at least six (6) organized field care case reviews per year. Case review attendance must be documented on the MICN Continuing Education record.
  - 4.2 The completed record, with the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator signature, must be submitted to the County EMS Agency no later than the last day of each MICN's certification period.
5. Provide proof of employment as follows:
  - 5.1 Assignment within the emergency department of a designated Base Hospital for a minimum of one (1) shift per month for no less than 10 months per calendar year;  
OR
  - 5.2 Primary Instructor for the Paramedic Training Program at IVC; OR
  - 5.3 Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
6. Upon fulfillment of 1-5 above, the local EMS Agency shall reauthorize the candidate as an MICN for a maximum of four (4) years from the last day of the month in which all recertification requirements were completed.
7. Individuals who have let their MICN authorization lapse shall be eligible for reauthorization when the following have been met:
  - 7.1 A lapse of less than one year: the requirements for reauthorization shall be met and all continuing education missed shall be completed.
  - 7.2 A lapse of between one (1) year and two (2) years: the requirements for reauthorization and the following shall be met:
    - 7.2.1 Complete all continuing education missed
    - 7.2.2 Successfully pass a supervised base hospital evaluation to consist of no less than six (6) ALS patient care radio reports.



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- 7.3 A lapse of two (2) years or more: the requirements of authorization and additional training/evaluation as required by the medical director of the local EMS Agency.
8. Any exception to the above requirements must be approved by the local EMS Medical Director.

Inactive Status

1. An MICN who does not meet the reauthorization requirements (to include the annual CE, proof of employment and licensing requirements) shall be placed on Inactive Status.
2. When on Inactive Status, the individual will not function as an MICN.
3. To resume active MICN status, the MICN will submit evidence of being current in MICN continuing education requirements as well as complying with all criteria to maintain MICN reauthorization.

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**IMPERIAL COUNTY  
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**MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE**

**JOHN DOE**

**CERTIFICATION #      IC-00-000**

**ISSUED:    0/00/00**

**EXPIRES: 0/00/04**

**Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1798; California Code of Regulations Title 22, Chapter 4, Section 100152.

**Purpose:** To assist with the clinical and field internship placement of paramedics enrolled in training programs outside of Imperial County and to enable the quality management of paramedic internships.

**Policy:**

- A. All paramedic students enrolled in out of county training programs, who seek to complete an internship with an Imperial County Advanced Life Support Provider Agency, shall submit the completed Application for Internship Placement form accompanied by the required documentation as well as obtaining an out-of-county intern number for use in the electronic patient care record system:
  - 1. Proof of completion of didactic portion of an approved paramedic training program.
  - 2. Proof of five medically supervised intubations during the clinical training.
  - 3. Application and completion for Local Paramedic Accreditation Orientation and test.
  - 4. Copy of current ACLS, PALS or PEPP, and ITLS, PHTLS, or ATLS card.
  - 5. Copy of current AHA Healthcare Provider or other Professional Rescuer CPR card.
  - 6. Current non-restricted or under investigation EMT certification card.
  
- B. All Out-of-County Paramedic Training Agencies seeking to place students in Imperial County shall contact the Imperial County EMS Agency to notify the potential placement of students in Imperial County.

1. Call the Imperial County EMS Agency (760) 482-4516 to speak with the EMS Agency Manager to verify the availability for internship placement in Imperial County.
2. Supply a fully executed copy of a contract with the provider agency/hospital that will accommodate the paramedic intern. This contract must outline the process for monitoring the paramedic intern as well as the process that will be followed should it be necessary to terminate the internship.
3. List on training agency letterhead, the name(s) of the students(s), the provider agency/hospital that will facilitate the placement of the intern, the name(s) of preceptor(s) and the training agency contact information for all instructors that will be involved with intern(s) placed in Imperial County.

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