

- 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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EMT OPTIONAL SKILL ACCREDITATION

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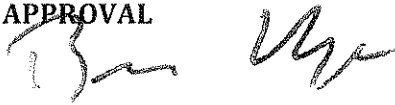
interval between skills demonstration sessions shall be every two (2) years from the date of accreditation. An EMT Optional Skills Competency Verification Form must be completed for each 2 years.

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.

APPROVAL



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