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CERTIFICATION REVIEW PROCESS

POLICY #1400

Authority: Any proceedings by the EMS Agency to deny, suspend or revoke the certification of an EMT-I, EMT-II or MICN, or place any EMT-I, EMT-II or MICN certificate holder on probation pursuant to Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code shall be conducted in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6.

I. EMT-I/EMT-II/MICN

Negative action against any prehospital emergency medical certificate/authorization may be instituted by the EMS Medical Director based upon the evidence of a threat to the public health and safety as evidenced by the occurrence of any of the items listed in the Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1798.200 or the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 5, Section 1101.

EMT-I and EMT-II personnel subject to Title 22 Certification Disciplinary Action regulations shall have requests for discovery, petitions to compel discovery, evidence and affidavits consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code, Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 5, Sections 11507.6, 11507.7, 11513 and 11514).

II. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - PARAMEDIC (EMT-P) – 1798.200, 201, 202

- A. The EMS Medical Director may institute the following proceedings against an EMT-P licensee when there exists evidence of a threat to the public health and safety:
1. Referral to State EMS Authority for further action
 2. Temporary Suspension of an EMT-P license
- B. Referral to the State EMS Authority for potential negative action against an EMT-P license, with or without temporary suspension of an EMT-P license, may be instituted by the EMS Medical Director based upon the finding of a threat to the public health and safety as evidenced by the occurrence of any of the actions in California Health and Safety Code section 1798.200.

III. BASE HOSPITAL OR PROVIDER AGENCY REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

Any incident involving EMS personnel, which may constitute a threat to the public health and safety, should be reported to the Imperial County EMS Agency. When such incidents come to the attention of base hospital or provider agency administrative personnel, a report to the EMS Agency should be made by the Base Hospital Medical Director or Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator, or provider agency administrative personnel, no later than the next business day following the incident or discovery of the incident. If this report is made by telephone, a written report should be submitted within 72 hours.

- A. Grounds for reporting include reasonable suspicion of:
1. Functioning outside the scope of practice of the held certificate/authorization.
 2. Functioning independent of medical control as described in County policies, procedures and field treatment guidelines.
 3. Gross negligence.
 4. Repeated negligent acts.

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5. Incompetence.
6. The commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of prehospital personnel.
7. Violating or attempting to violate directly or indirectly, any provision of the Health and Safety Code or of State regulations pertaining to prehospital personnel.
8. Violating or attempting to violate any federal or state statute or regulation that regulates narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances.
9. Addiction to, the excessive use of, or the misuse of, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances.

If, in the judgment of the Base Hospital Medical Director or other Base Hospital physician if the Medical Director is unavailable, immediate action must be taken by the EMS Agency after normal business hours to protect the public health and safety, the EMS Manager may be contacted by pager at (760) 370-9913.

APPROVAL



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