

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY ALS 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:

1. In order to be eligible for accreditation, an individual shall:
 - a. Possess a valid Paramedic License issued in the State of California.
 - b. Complete an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application form.
 - c. Provide written proof of affiliation in the S-SV EMS region with an approved ALS service provider.
 - d. Pay the accreditation fee.
 - e. Provide a copy of California Driver's License or government issued photo Identification card.
 - f. Once the above steps are completed, attend an S-SV EMS approved orientation of the S-SV EMS system.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Successfully complete a supervised pre-accreditation field evaluation consisting of up to 10 ALS contacts.
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- (1) 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.
- (2) 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 an EMT-Paramedic.

All requests for a waiver will be approved / disapproved by the S-SV EMS medical director.

- i. Pass an S-SV examination on S-SV policy/procedure and protocols with a minimum score of 80%. If the examination is failed twice, an orientation shall be repeated prior to re-testing.
- j. All of the above requirements shall be met within 60 days of completion of the S-SV orientation.
- k. Upon completion of all the above requirements, the individual will be issued an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Certificate with effective and expiration dates.

2. Requirements for Maintaining S-SV Paramedic Accreditation:

To maintain continuous accreditation, a paramedic shall:

- a. Complete and submit an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application form
- b. Maintain and provide proof of continuous Paramedic licensure in the State of California.
- c. Maintain employment as a Paramedic in the S-SV region with an approved ALS service provider.
- d. Provide proof of PALS or PEPP recognition.

NOTE: 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 S-SV Paramedic re-accreditation

- e. 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.
- f. The ALS service provider will provide orientation to all Paramedic personnel for all new and/or revised policies/protocols and/or procedures.

The ALS service provider shall be responsible for ensuring that all field employees are kept current on local policies and procedures. This includes

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

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

- g. Upon submission of a completed application and copies of the current state license and PALS / PEPP the individual will be issued an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Certificate with effective and expiration dates.

4. Lapse in maintaining S-SV Paramedic Accreditation Requirements.

- a. A lapse in maintenance of S-SV Requirements for Paramedic Accreditation shall require the following in order to be eligible for S-SV EMT-Paramedic Accreditation:

- (1) A lapse of less than one year:

Complete and submit an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application form

- (2) A lapse of more than one year but less than two years:

Complete and submit an S-SV Paramedic Accreditation application form.

Provide 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 lapse of accreditation.

- (3) A lapse of more than two years:

All requirements for initial accreditation, as outlined in Section 1 of this policy, shall be met.

5. 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" to the S-SV EMS Agency.