

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 915

**SUBJECT: MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE AUTHORIZATION /
REAUTHORIZATION**

PURPOSE

To establish a mechanism for obtaining authorization/reauthorization to practice as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) within the S-SV EMS region.

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.56, 1797.200, 1798.100 and 1798.200.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4.

POLICY

In order to be eligible for authorization/reauthorization to practice as an MICN in the S-SV EMS region, all applicants shall:

- A. Be currently licensed as a registered nurse in the State of California.
- B. Maintain CPR and ACLS recognition.
- C. Be employed by an S-SV EMS Agency base hospital and recommended for authorization/reauthorization.
- D. Meet all authorization/reauthorization requirements listed in this policy.

Initial Authorization:

Applicants shall have at least six months (1040 hours) of clinical experience within the last two years in the emergency department of an acute care hospital, and meet the criteria of one of the following categories in order to be eligible for initial S-SV EMS Agency authorization:

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- A. Initial Authorization (S-SV EMS Agency approved regional course), the individual shall:
1. Have an MICN Course Completion Record from an S-SV EMS Agency approved regional MICN training program within the past 12 months.
 2. If the S-SV EMS Agency approved course was completed more than one (1) year, but less than two (2) years prior to application, the individual shall:
 - a. Attend the S-SV EMS Agency Paramedic Accreditation class within 60 days prior to the submission of the completed MICN Authorization application.
 - b. Complete four (4) hours of ambulance ride-along with an S-SV EMS Agency approved ALS service provider with two ALS contacts. This requirement shall be completed within 60 days prior to the submission of the MICN authorization application. If two ALS patient contacts are not completed, two ALS patient scenarios will be conducted by the paramedic.
- B. Initial S-SV EMS Agency Authorization (non S-SV EMS Agency regional course), the applicant shall:
1. Provide proof of completion of a basic MICN Course from another California Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) within the past two (2) years.
 2. Comply with the requirements listed under item two (2) in the ‘Initial Authorization (S-SV EMS Agency Approved Regional Course)’ section above.
 3. If the MICN course was completed over two (2) years prior to application for S-SV EMS Agency Authorization, and the individual has maintained authorization as an MICN in another California LEMSAs, they shall comply with the requirements listed under item two (2) in the ‘Initial Authorization (S-SV EMS Agency Approved Regional Course)’ section above. A currently valid MICN authorization card from another California LEMSAs (subject to verification) may be accepted if actual course completion documentation is not available.

Reauthorization:

An MICN shall fulfill the following requirements in order to maintain current S-SV EMS Agency MICN Authorization. Failure to comply means that the MICN has failed to maintain authorization and the individual shall not function as an MICN in the S-SV EMS region until the requirements are met.

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A. Reauthorization without lapse in authorization:

1. Maintain license as a Registered Nurse in California.
2. Maintain CPR recognition.
3. Maintain ACLS recognition.
4. Complete a total of not less than twelve hours every two years (during each authorization period) of the following continuing education:
 - a. A minimum of four (4) hours prehospital care focused education of recorded or written patient care records, and
 - b. A minimum of four (4) hours of ambulance ride-along with an S-SV EMS Agency approved ALS service provider with two ALS contacts. If two ALS patient contacts are not completed, two ALS patient scenarios will be conducted by the paramedic.

NOTE: The remaining four (4) hours may be from either of the two above categories, at the MICN's discretion.

The MICN shall be given credit only for actual times in attendance.

5. Base hospital recommendation for reauthorization.
 - a. Each base hospital shall have a quality improvement program which includes the on-going monitoring and evaluation of MICN radio calls.
 - b. Recommendation for reauthorization shall be based on the results of the quality improvement MICN monitoring and evaluation.

B. Reauthorization after lapse in authorization:

In addition to all of the requirements specified in the 'Reauthorization without lapse in authorization' section above, an individual who's MICN Authorization has lapsed shall also meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for reauthorization:

1. If the authorization has been lapsed for a period of less than 12 months:

Complete an orientation to current S-SV policies/procedures protocols. The orientation can be provided by the S-SV base hospital coordinator or the individual may attend the S-SV EMS Agency Paramedic Accreditation class to meet this requirement.
2. If the authorization has been lapsed for a period of more than one year but less than two years:
 - a. Attend the S-SV EMS Agency Paramedic Accreditation class.
 - b. Successfully complete an S-SV base hospital MICN orientation.

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- c. Complete an additional four (4) hours of ambulance ride-along with an S-SV approved ALS service provider with two (2) additional ALS contacts for a minimum total of eight (8) hours of ambulance ride along. At least four (4) hours of ambulance ride along shall be completed within 60 days prior to the submission of the MICN authorization application.
3. If the authorization has been lapsed for a period of more than two years, the initial authorization requirements must be met.

PROCEDURE

Eligible candidates shall complete/meet the following:

- A. Complete an S-SV EMS Agency MICN authorization/reauthorization application form.
- B. Pay the S-SV EMS Agency authorization/reauthorization fee.
- C. Provide documentation/evidence of the following:
 1. Valid and current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of California.
 2. Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Course Completion Record, other required documentation listed in this policy, or completion of 12 hours of required continuing education as applicable.
 3. Current CPR recognition.
 4. Current ACLS recognition.
 5. Employment in an S-SV EMS Agency base hospital emergency department, with recommendation for authorization/reauthorization.
 6. For initial authorization, proof of six months (1040 hours) of emergency department clinical experience as a registered nurse within the last two years.
- D. Successfully complete any additional applicable orientation and ride-along requirements.
- E. Provide a copy of a valid U.S. state-issued Drivers License or identification card.

NOTE: Upon completion of the above requirements: authorization/reauthorization will be for a period of two years from the date of completion of all S-SV EMS Agency authorization/reauthorization requests.

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APPLICATION PROCESSING

- A. A completed and signed application and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to the S-SV EMS Agency prior to processing. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
 - 1. Incomplete applications will be maintained by the S-SV EMS Agency for 60 days awaiting required supporting documentation. All applications not completed within 60 days will be destroyed.
- B. The S-SV EMS Agency will process completed applications within 10 business days.