


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

**Paramedic Accreditation To Practice**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish the requirements for obtaining and maintaining accreditation to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.

**AUTHORITY:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, § 1797.84, 1797.185, 1797.194, and 1797.214.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4 § 100166.

**POLICY:**

- A. In order to be eligible for initial paramedic accreditation, an individual shall:
  - 1. Provide a completed S-SV EMS Paramedic Accreditation Application.
  - 2. Provide a copy of a current California Paramedic License.
  - 3. Provide a copy of a current U.S. state-issued driver's license or identification card.
  - 4. Pay the accreditation fee.
  - 5. Complete an S-SV EMS paramedic orientation/accreditation class.
  - 6. Successfully complete a supervised pre-accreditation field evaluation consisting of a minimum of five (5), but no more than ten (10) ALS contacts with an S-SV EMS approved ALS service provider in the S-SV EMS region.
    - This requirement may be met by the submission of actual PCR's, or a letter verifying successful completion of this requirement from a management/QI representative of an S-SV EMS approved ALS service provider.
    - This requirement may be waived in one of the following circumstances:
      - By providing documentation of five (5) ALS contacts in the S-SV EMS region during the paramedic education program field internship within the previous six (6) months.

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- 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) years' experience as a paramedic.
7. Pass an examination on S-SV EMS policies and protocols with a minimum score of 80%. If the examination is failed twice, the orientation/accreditation class shall be repeated prior to re-testing.
  8. If all of the above requirements are not met within 60 days of completion of the orientation/accreditation class, the candidate must repeat all initial paramedic accreditation requirements to be eligible for accreditation.
  9. Upon completion of all the above requirements, the individual will be issued an S-SV EMS Paramedic Accreditation Card with the same expiration date as the individual's current California Paramedic License.
- B. Paramedic accreditation applicant temporary authorization to practice:
1. The paramedic accreditation applicant may practice in the basic scope of practice, with an S-SV EMS approved ALS service provider, as a second paramedic until they are accredited.
  2. This temporary authorization to practice shall be valid for a maximum of sixty (60) days, after which time all S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation requirements must be met in order to continue to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.
- C. Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) additional accreditation requirements:
- In order for an individual to be eligible for accreditation, in the S-SV EMS Agency's CCP scope of practice, the individual must obtain and maintain CCP certification from the Board of Critical Care Transport Certification (BCCTPC).
- D. Requirements for maintaining/renewing paramedic accreditation:
- To maintain continuous accreditation, a paramedic shall:
1. Provide a completed S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation application.
  2. Provide a copy of a current California Paramedic License.
  3. Maintain and provide proof of continuous PALS or PEPP recognition.
    - PALS/PEPP recognition will not be required at the time of initial accreditation, but will be required at the time of paramedic accreditation renewal.
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4. Complete S-SV EMS mandated education.

- The ALS service provider shall be responsible for ensuring that all paramedic employees are kept current on local policies and procedures.
- The ALS service provider shall be responsible for ensuring that S-SV EMS mandatory education requirements are completed by their paramedic personnel, including annual infrequently used skills verification of maintenance.

5. Upon completion of all the above requirements, the individual will be issued an S-SV EMS Paramedic Accreditation Card with the same expiration date as the individual's current California Paramedic License.

E. Lapse in maintaining paramedic accreditation:

A lapse of S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation shall require the following in order to be eligible for renewal:

1. Lapse of less than two (2) years:

- Meet all requirements listed in the "Requirements for maintaining/renewing paramedic accreditation" section of this policy.
- Provide written documentation of completion of orientation/training, by an S-SV EMS approved ALS service provider, to all S-SV EMS policy/protocol updates during the lapse of accreditation.

2. Lapse of more than two (2) years:

- All requirements for initial accreditation shall be met.

F. S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation denial, probation, suspension, or revocation:

1. The S-SV EMS medical director may deny, place on probation, suspend, or revoke accreditation if the paramedic does not maintain current licensure, does not meet local accreditation requirements, or for cause.
2. Due process and appeals procedures specified in S-SV EMS 'Paramedic Accreditation/Licensure Review Process' policy (928) will be followed for any accreditation denial, probation, suspension, and/or revocation.

G. ALS provider agency responsibilities:

If there is a change in the employment status of an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic employee, the ALS provider agency shall submit a completed 'S-SV Paramedic Employee Status Report' (913-A) to S-SV EMS within 30 calendar days.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING:**

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

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

- A. Paramedic Scope of Practice (803).
- B. EMS Incident Reporting & Investigation (927).
- C. Paramedic Accreditation/Licensure Review Process (928).
- D. Infrequently Used Skills: Verification of Maintenance/Regional Training Module (1110).