


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy			
Paramedic Accreditation			
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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. Initial Paramedic Accreditation:
 - 1. In order to obtain initial S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation, an individual shall:
 - Submit a completed paramedic accreditation application.
 - Provide a copy of their current California paramedic license.
 - Provide a copy of their current U.S. state-issued driver’s license or photo identification card.
 - Successfully complete an S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation class and pass a policy/protocol examination with a minimum score of 80%.
 - If the examination is failed twice, the individual will be required to repeat the paramedic accreditation class prior to re-testing.
 - Provide verification of one of the following:
 - Current paramedic accreditation from another California local EMS agency.
 - Successful completion of a paramedic training program field internship conducted in the S-SV EMS region within the previous six (6) months.
 - Successful completion of a supervised field evaluation consisting of a minimum of five (5), but no more than ten (10), ALS contacts conducted in the S-SV EMS region within the previous 60 days.
 - Pay the accreditation fee

2. An individual with a current California paramedic license may practice in the paramedic basic scope of practice, under the affiliation of an S-SV EMS approved ALS prehospital service provider agency and direct supervision of an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic, until they have completed the initial accreditation process. This temporary authorization shall be valid for a maximum of 60 days, after which time all initial accreditation requirements must be met in order for the individual to continue to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.
3. If initial accreditation requirements are not met within 60 days of completion of the S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation class, the individual must repeat all initial accreditation requirements in order to obtain S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation.
4. S-SV EMS will issue a wallet-sized paramedic accreditation card to eligible individuals, within 10 working days of submission/verification of all requirements listed in this section of the policy.
 - The accreditation effective date will be the day the card was issued.
 - The accreditation expiration date will be the expiration date listed on the individual's current California paramedic license.

B. Renewal/Maintenance of Paramedic Accreditation:

1. In order to renew/maintain accreditation, an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic shall complete the following each time they renew their California paramedic license:
 - Submit a completed S-SV EMS paramedic reaccreditation application.
 - Provide a copy of their renewed California paramedic license.
 - Provide a copy of their current PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy Prehospital Pediatric Provider Course (for entities using the Handtevy system) recognition.
 - PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy Prehospital Pediatric Provider Course recognition is not required at the time of initial accreditation, but is required at the time of paramedic accreditation renewal and shall be maintained at all times from that point forward in order to function as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.
 - Complete S-SV EMS mandated education.
2. Failure to comply with the renewal/maintenance of paramedic accreditation requirements listed in this section of the policy will result in a lapse of paramedic accreditation, and the individual will not be allowed to practice as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region until they comply with all of the renewal/maintenance of paramedic accreditation requirements.
 - For a lapse greater than 6 months, the individual shall also successfully complete an S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation class and pass a

policy/protocol examination with a minimum score of 80% in order to be eligible for paramedic accreditation renewal.

3. S-SV EMS will issue a wallet-sized paramedic accreditation card to eligible individuals, within 10 working days of submission/verification of all requirements listed in this section of the policy.
 - The accreditation effective date will be the effective date listed on the individual's renewed California paramedic license.
 - The accreditation expiration date will be the expiration date listed on the individual's renewed California paramedic license.

C. ALS Prehospital Service Provider Agency Responsibilities:

1. ALS prehospital service provider agencies are responsible for the following:
 - Verifying their paramedic personnel have a current and valid S-SV EMS accreditation prior to allowing them to practice independently as a paramedic in the S-SV EMS region.
 - Verifying the accreditation renewal/maintenance status of their paramedic personnel on an ongoing basis.
 - Ensuring that their paramedic personnel are kept current on S-SV EMS policies/protocols.
 - Ensuring that their paramedic personnel complete all S-SV EMS required training/education.
2. If there is a change in the employment status of an S-SV EMS accredited paramedic employee, the ALS prehospital service provider agency shall submit a completed S-SV EMS Paramedic Employee Status Report (913-A) to S-SV EMS within 30 calendar days of such change.