

Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

MICN Authorization/Reauthorization

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PURPOSE:

To establish a mechanism for obtaining authorization or reauthorization as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) within the S-SV EMS region. MICN means a registered nurse (RN) authorized by the S-SV EMS Medical Director to provide instructions to prehospital EMS personnel according to approved S-SV EMS policies/protocols.

AUTHORITY:

- A. HSC, Division 2.5, § 1797.56, 1797.200, 1797.220, 1798.100, and 1798.105.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 3 and 4.
- C. BPC, § 2725.

POLICY:

- A. An individual shall comply with the initial authorization requirements, and obtain S-SV EMS MICN authorization prior to functioning as a MICN in the S-SV EMS region.
- B. A MICN shall comply with the reauthorization requirements, prior to the expiration date of their current authorization, in order to maintain S-SV EMS MICN authorization. Failure to comply with the reauthorization requirements means that the MICN has failed to maintain authorization, and shall not function as a MICN in the S-SV EMS region until all reauthorization requirements are met.
- C. A MICN shall only provide medical direction to prehospital personnel when they are on-duty in a S-SV EMS base hospital emergency department.

PROCEDURE:

MICN Initial Authorization Requirements:

- A. To be eligible for initial MICN authorization, an individual shall comply with the following requirements:
 - 1. Be currently licensed as a RN in California.

2. Be currently employed in a S-SV EMS base hospital emergency department, and be recommended for MICN authorization by the base hospital.
 3. Have a minimum of six months (1040 hours) of clinical experience within the last 24 months in an acute care hospital emergency department.
 4. Meet one of the following training program criteria:
 - Successful completion of a S-SV EMS approved MICN training program (including the four-hour ground ambulance ride-along and base hospital orientation components) within the previous 12 months.
 - Successful completion of a S-SV EMS approved MICN training program within the previous 12 – 24 months, successful completion of a MICN training program from another California LEMSA within the previous 24 months, or possess a current/valid MICN authorization from another California LEMSA, and complete the following additional requirements within the previous 90 days:
 - A minimum four-hour ride-along with a S-SV EMS approved ALS 911 ground ambulance provider, which includes two ALS contacts or two ALS patient scenarios conducted by the paramedic.
 - A base hospital orientation with the S-SV EMS designated base hospital.
 5. Attend a S-SV EMS Paramedic Accreditation course within the last 90 days (note: this training may also be conducted by S-SV EMS representatives during the initial MICN training program).
 6. Submit a completed MICN initial authorization application.
 7. Provide documentation/evidence of the items listed above, in addition to copies of the following current/valid items:
 - U.S. state-issued driver's license or photo identification card.
 - Healthcare Provider CPR recognition.
 - ACLS recognition.
 - PALS or APLS recognition.
 8. Pay the S-SV EMS MICN initial authorization fee.
- B. S-SV EMS will issue a wallet-sized MICN authorization card, within ten business days, to eligible individuals who apply for initial MICN authorization and comply with the initial authorization requirements listed in this policy. The effective date of the MICN authorization will be the day the card is issued, and the expiration date will be the last day of the month two years from the effective date of the initial authorization.

MICN Reauthorization:

- A. A MICN shall comply with the following requirements, prior to the expiration date of their current authorization, in order to be eligible for S-SV EMS MICN reauthorization:
1. Submit a completed MICN reauthorization application.
 2. Maintain and provide copies of the following current/valid items:
 - California RN license.
 - U.S. state-issued driver's license or photo identification card.
 - Healthcare Provider CPR recognition.
 - ACLS recognition.
 - PALS or APLS recognition.
 3. Complete 12 hours of EMS continuing education during the current authorization cycle as follows:
 - A minimum of four hours of prehospital care focused education of recorded or written patient care records.
 - A minimum four-hour ride-along with a S-SV EMS approved ALS 911 ground ambulance provider, which includes two ALS contacts or two ALS patient scenarios conducted by the paramedic.
 - The remaining four hours may be from either of the categories above, or the MICN may complete an additional four-hour ride-along with a S-SV EMS approved ALS non-transport provider, which includes two ALS contacts or two ALS patient scenarios conducted by the paramedic.
 4. Maintain employment in a S-SV EMS base hospital emergency department and provide documentation of base hospital reauthorization recommendation.
 5. Pay the S-SV EMS MICN reauthorization fee.
- B. S-SV EMS will issue a wallet-sized MICN authorization card, within ten business days, to eligible individuals who apply for MICN reauthorization and comply with the MICN reauthorization requirements listed in this policy.

If the reauthorization requirements are met within six months prior to the current authorization expiration date, the effective date of reauthorization will be the date immediately following the expiration date of the current authorization, and will expire two years from the day prior to the effective date. If the reauthorization requirements are met greater than six months prior to the current authorization expiration date, the effective date of reauthorization will be the date the individual applied for reauthorization, and the authorization expiration date will be the last day of the month two years from the effective date.

MICN Reauthorization After Lapse:

- A. In addition to the reauthorization requirements specified in this policy, an individual with a lapsed MICN authorization shall also meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for reauthorization:
1. If the authorization has been lapsed for less than 12 months, the MICN shall attend an S-SV EMS Paramedic Accreditation course within the previous 90 days.
 2. If the authorization has been lapsed between 12 – 24 months, the MICN shall:
 - Attend a S-SV EMS Paramedic Accreditation course within the previous 90 days.
 - Complete a base hospital MICN re-orientation with the S-SV EMS base hospital within the previous 90 days.
 - Complete an additional four-hour ride-along with a S-SV EMS approved ALS 911 ground ambulance provider, which includes two additional ALS contacts or two additional ALS patient scenarios conducted by the paramedic (total of eight hours of ambulance ride-along). At least four hours of ambulance ride along shall be completed within the previous 90 days.
 3. If the authorization has been lapsed for greater than 24 months, all of the initial authorization requirements must be met.
- B. S-SV EMS will issue a wallet-sized MICN authorization card, within ten business days, to eligible individuals who apply for MICN reauthorization and successfully complete the requirements listed in this policy. The effective date of the MICN reauthorization will be the day the card is issued, and the expiration date will be the last day of the month two years from the effective date of the reauthorization.

APPLICATION PROCESSING:

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