

Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy			
ALS/LALS Infrequently Used Skills Verification & Regional Training Module			
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PURPOSE:

- A. To identify medical procedures (skills) utilized infrequently by ALS/LALS personnel in the prehospital setting, and provide a standardized method for annual evaluation of all S-SV EMS certified AEMT's and accredited paramedic's ability to safely, efficiently and adequately perform them.
- B. To establish a standardized method of ensuring that appropriate education and training is provided to all ALS/LALS prehospital personnel in the S-SV EMS region on a regularly scheduled basis.

AUTHORITY:

- A. HSC, Division 2.5, § 1797.214.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Division 9, § 100107, 100128, 100147, 100165, 100169, & Chapter 12

DEFINITIONS

- A. **Infrequently Used Skills** – Medical procedures that are performed rarely by ALS/LALS personnel in the prehospital setting and/or that may result in serious complications when performed incorrectly.
- B. **Regional Training Module** – A standardized training module developed by S-SV EMS in conjunction with the S-SV EMS Regional Quality Improvement Committee.

POLICY:

- A. Prehospital service provider agencies shall verify that every S-SV EMS certified AEMT and accredited paramedic affiliated with their organization has successfully performed all of the skills listed in the applicable Infrequently Used Skills Annual Verification Tracking Sheet (910-A or 910-B) a minimum of once during every 12-month period. Under special circumstances, an extension to the 12-month requirement may be approved by S-SV EMS upon request.

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- B. All infrequently used skills shall be verified by successful performance in a structured training environment, utilizing the S-SV EMS approved infrequently used skills verification checklists (910-C through 910-K). A copy of the completed applicable Infrequently Used Skills Annual Verification Tracking Sheet (910-A or 910-B) shall be maintained in the employee's file for a period of not less than four (4) years and shall be made available for review by S-SV EMS representatives upon request.
- C. Skills competency verification shall be conducted by one of the following:
1. Service provider's CQI coordinator or their designee.
 2. Service provider's medical director.
 3. Base/modified base hospital prehospital coordinator or their designee.
- D. Regional training modules will be developed and distributed by S-SV EMS on an annual basis. All ALS/LALS service provider agencies are required to deliver these training modules and ensure that their affiliated AEMT and paramedic personnel complete this training no later than the end of the current calendar year. BLS personnel are encouraged to complete this training as appropriate, but it is not a mandatory requirement.
- E. Any AEMT or paramedic who is determined to not have current skills verification and/or regional training module completion documentation on file shall not be allowed to function as an AEMT or paramedic in the S-SV EMS region until they complete the required skills verification and/or regional training module.