



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Emergency Medical Services Agency

POLICY #242.00

TITLE: **MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE FIELD NURSE (MICFN) AUTHORIZATION**

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Authority: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 8, Section 100278, 100280, 100289, 100302, 100304 and; California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.200, 1797.220, 1797.56 and 1798.0 et.seq.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide California licensed Registered Nurses (RNs) authorization to practice as a Mobile Intensive Care Field Nurse (MICFN) within the Merced County EMS System and to integrate RNs as a specialized resource for prehospital response, transport, and care of patients.

Definitions: *Air Ambulance* - means any aircraft specially constructed, modified or equipped, and used for the primary purposes of responding to emergency calls and transporting critically ill or injured patients whose medical flight crew has at a minimum two (2) attendants certified or licensed in advanced life support.

Authorizing EMS Agency or Authorizing Agency - means the local EMS agency which approves utilization of specific EMS aircraft and EMS personnel within its jurisdiction.

Medical Flight Crew - means the individual(s), excluding the pilot, specifically assigned to care for the patient during aircraft transport.

MICFN – means Mobile Intensive Care Field Nurse. A MICFN is a California licensed Registered Nurse (RN) that meets the Field Nurse standards as established by the Merced County EMS Agency. MICFN Authorized Registered Nurses are authorized to respond to emergencies by either ground or air transport vehicles.

Policy: It is the policy of the Merced County EMS Agency to integrate into the local EMS System California licensed Registered Nurses (RN) that meet the Mobile Intensive Care Field Nurse standards as established by the Merced County EMS Agency.

Procedure: The candidate shall submit an application to the Merced County EMS Agency to include:

1. Registered Nurses shall apply with the EMS Agency for Mobile Intensive Care Field Nurse (MICFN) Authorization prior to air ambulance flight duty.
2. Registered Nurses shall apply for MICFN authorization by completing the Merced County EMS Personnel application.

3. Complete and sign the EMS Personnel application affidavit attesting that the applicant is not precluded from Authorization for any of the reasons listed in the California Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.
4. Provide current California Registered Nurse licensure.
5. Provide Photo ID issued by a governmental agency.
6. Provide documentation of having completed training in aeromedical transportation as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 8, Section 100302.
7. Payment of the established MICFN Authorization fee.
8. At Initial Authorization, provide documentation of having a minimum prior experience level of 3 years in an ICU, ER or other critical care based setting.
9. Documentation that MICFN medical field crew members maintain the following certifications:
 - BCLS (CPR) American Heart Association Healthcare Provider or equivalent
 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
 - Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
 - Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or equivalent
 - Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)
10. Successfully pass the Merced County EMS Policy and Protocol written examination.
11. Registered Nurse medical flight crew members shall obtain Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN) or Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN) credentials within two (2) years of hire.
12. Merced County EMS Agency Mobile Intensive Care Field Nurse (MICFN) Authorization shall be renewed concomitantly with the Registered Nurse's biennial state licensure renewal.