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## **PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process by which individuals obtain Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) accreditation as a Paramedic.

### **AUTHORITY**

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 7, § 1798.200  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Paramedic:** Also known as Emergency Medical Technician–P (EMT–P) means an individual who is educated and trained in all elements of prehospital Advanced Life Support (ALS); whose Scope of Practice to provide ALS is in accordance with the standards prescribed by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, and who has a valid license issued pursuant to the same.

**Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Card:** This certification is taught to the 2015 American Heart Association (AHA) Provider curriculum standards or equivalent level and certifies that the holder has the skills in treating adult victims of cardiac arrest or other cardiopulmonary emergencies.

### **LOCAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**

- I. The following requirements must be met to obtain accreditation as a Paramedic within the YEMSA region:
  - A. Provide evidence of possession of a current and valid State of California Paramedic license.
  - B. Provide proof of employment with a designated Paramedic Service Provider (Personnel Form or Letter of Intent to hire).
  - C. Provide evidence of possession of a current ACLS card taught in accordance with the 2015 curriculum of the American Heart Association (AHA) Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Provider Program, or equivalent level.
  - D. Complete the YEMSA Paramedic Application, which includes the statement that the individual is not precluded from accreditation for reasons defined in the Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 7, § 1798.200.
  - E. Pay the YEMSA local accreditation fee, which is non-refundable.
  - F. Provide evidence of attending a YEMSA Orientation within the ninety (90) calendar days of the initial date of application.
  - G. Successfully complete the pre-accreditation field evaluation including:
    1. Five (5) ALS patient contacts, with a YEMSA approved evaluator.
    2. Submission of required documentation, fees, and attendance at YEMSA Orientation is required prior to the start of the YEMSA 5 Call process
      - a. **NOTE:** YEMSA approved evaluators may extend the field evaluation process an additional five (5) patient contacts, for a total of ten (10),



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when deemed appropriate. Nothing in this section requires that shifts of hospital, field orientation, or preceptor ship be done on consecutive days.

### LOCAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- I. Upon proof of completion of all, YEMSA shall issue a standard Local Paramedic Accreditation card (# P) which shall be valid for a period consistent with and not to exceed the period for which their current State Paramedic license is valid.
- II. Applicants must complete the accreditation application and field evaluation process outlined above within ninety (90) calendar days of the initial date of application; any extension of this period is at the discretion of YEMSA. Applicants exceeding this requirement may be required to complete a new application.
- III. Failure to complete the local accreditation requirements shall result in suspension or revocation of accreditation to practice as a Paramedic within the YEMSA region.
- IV. Upon completion of the above, and confirmation that the applicant meets all the criteria specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 5, an individual shall be accredited as a Paramedic in Yolo County. YEMSA shall issue a wallet-sized Paramedic Accreditation card within ten (10) business days which is valid throughout Yolo County.