



Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency Certification

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PARAMEDIC REACCREDITATION PROCESS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process by which individuals maintain 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.

International Trauma Life Support/Prehospital Trauma Life Support (ITLS/PHTLS) Card: This card certifies that the holder has the knowledge and skills necessary to rapidly perform the initial evaluation and stabilization of the patient according to nationally recognized standards.

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.

MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION

- I. Maintaining accreditation as a Paramedic shall be contingent upon:
 - A. Complete YEMSA's 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.
 - B. Maintaining employment with an approved ALS Provider in the YEMSA region.
 - C. Provide evidence of possession of a current and valid State of California Paramedic license.
 - D. Verification of four (4) intubations per year in the accreditation period. These intubations may be adult, pediatric, or infant; and can be any combination of live, sim man, or mannequin.
 - E. Possession of a current ITLS/PHTLS card, and maintenance of that certification for accreditation.
 - F. 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, and maintenance of that certification for accreditation.
 - G. Attendance at two (2) Yolo County Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) or



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Case Review sessions in the twenty-four (24) months prior to reaccreditation. These sessions shall have an accompanying skills/policy review in conjunction with the CQI/Case Review session that is part of the mandatory attendance. The skills/policy review session will change topics every six (6) months at a minimum. **The two (2) sessions attended must cover different review topics.** Each session shall be approximately three (3) hours in length (including CQI/Case Review).

- H. Online Case Reviews:
 - 1. May be used in lieu of one (1) Yolo County CQI or Case Review with Skills/Policy Review for Paramedic Reaccreditation in the twenty-four (24) months prior to reaccreditation.
 - 2. Available for two (2) weeks from the day of the CQI/Case Review on the Yolo County EMS homepage under the Online Education link.
 - 3. Only one (1) attempt is allowed and a passing score is required for CQI/Case Review credit.
 - 4. Continuing Education hours (CEH) provided upon successful completion.
 - I. Paramedics failing to maintain the requirements specified above will result in the individual repeating some or all of the initial accreditation requirements as determined by the YEMSA Medical Director.
 - J. Any application received within thirty (30) days of accreditation expiration, will be assessed a late fee.
 - K. For an accreditation lapse of less than (<) thirty (30) days:
 - 1. Meet the requirements for Maintaining Accreditation
 - 2. Pay Late Application Fee and Paramedic Lapse Accreditation Fee
 - L. For an accreditation lapse of greater than (>) thirty (30) days:
 - 1. Repeat all initial accreditation steps.
 - M. Paramedics failing to maintain the requirements specified above will not be able to function as a Paramedic.
 - N. Individuals functioning as a Paramedic without current valid accreditation will be reported as functioning outside of medical control to the California EMS Authority and may be subject to criminal and civil penalties.
- II. 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.