

**STANISLAUS COUNTY EMS AGENCY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**POLICY : 261.00
TITLE: MICN AUTHORIZATION/
RE-AUTHORIZATION**

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MICN AUTHORIZATION AND RE-AUTHORIZATION

I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.56; Division 2, Business and Professions Code, Section 2725; and Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100169, (b) (7).

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agency" - means the Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Base Hospital" - means a hospital approved and designated by the Agency to provide immediate Medical Direction and supervision of Advanced Life Support care in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Agency.
- C. "Mobile Intensive Care Nurse" ("MICN") - means a registered nurse who is functioning pursuant to Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code, and who has been authorized by the Agency Medical Director to issue instructions to prehospital emergency medical care personnel within this region according to the Prehospital Treatment Guidelines developed by the Agency.

III. PURPOSE

To establish a process for authorization and re-authorization of Mobile Intensive Care Nurses.

IV. POLICY FOR MICN AUTHORIZATION

- A. Registered Nurses in good standing who possess a California MICN course completion certificate, and successfully fulfill MICN authorization requirements as established by the Agency, are eligible for authorization.
- B. Candidate must successfully complete all requirements of this policy within two (2) months or 60 days of application date..

V. PROCEDURE

- A. The candidate must submit an MICN application, provided by the agency, which documents:
1. Current licensure as a California Registered Nurse.
 2. Successful completion of the Agency's MICN course.
 - a. The Agency's course must have been completed within six (6) months prior to the date of the application; or
 - b. A California authorized MICN in good standing may submit a letter of reference from the MICN's most recent Base Hospital Medical Director or Nurse Liaison verifying the MICN's satisfactory performance.
 3. One year experience as a Registered Nurse.
 4. Six months experience as a Registered Nurse working in a critical care setting such as the intensive care unit, critical care unit or emergency department, or six months experience working as a California licensed paramedic with 50 or more ALS patient contacts.
 5. A copy of a valid Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate from a training course which meets the standards established by the American Heart Association.
- B. The candidate shall:
1. Pay the established fee. The Agency shall not process applications until all related fees are paid.
 2. Sign an affidavit that he/she is not precluded from authorization for any reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
 3. Pass a written MICN and written protocol examination with a minimum passing score of 80%. A candidate who fails either the MICN exam or the protocols exam is eligible to retake the appropriate exam(s) a maximum of three (3) times. If the student fails the 3rd attempt he/she will have to retake

the MICN course. The candidate may not retest on the same day as the initial exam. The candidate must contact the Agency and request to schedule a date and time to retest..

4. Provide a photograph for identification purposes.
 5. Satisfactorily complete a pre-authorization Base Hospital evaluation which includes:
 - a. No less than 10 ALS radio calls supervised by a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse or Base Hospital Physician.
 - b. No less than 3 ALS radio calls if the applicant is currently a California authorized MICN in good standing and submits a letter of reference from the MICN's most recent Base Hospital Medical Director or Nurse Liaison verifying the MICN's satisfactory performance in handling ALS radio calls within the last two-year period.
- C. The effective date of authorization shall be the date the candidate satisfies all authorization requirements. The authorization expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period, (not to exceed two (2) years).

MICN RE-AUTHORIZATION

VI. PROCEDURE

- A. Prior to expiration of current authorization, the candidate shall:
 1. Submit a completed Agency application which includes:
 - a. Payment of established fee(s), including late fees if applicable. The Agency shall not process applications until all required fees are paid.
 - b. A signed affidavit that the candidate is not precluded from authorization for any reason defined in Division 2.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.
 - c. Documentation of current California Registered Nurse license.
 - d. A photo identification.
 - e. Verification of compliance with Agency Policy 853.00- Prehospital Training Standards

- f. Verification of successful completion of all continuing education requirements during the authorization period. Continuing education for each MICN shall include, at a minimum:
 - (1) Sixteen (16) hours of formal education, relating specifically to ALS pre-hospital care.
 - (2) Any additional continuing education prescribed by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

- B. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of this policy, The MICN will be issued authorization for a maximum period of two years. The new effective date of authorization shall be the day after their current authorization expires. The certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period, (not to exceed two (2) years).
 - 1. If an MICN applies for reauthorization more than six (6) months before their current authorization expires, they will be issued a new beginning authorization date effective the day that they meet the reauthorization requirements.

- C. Individuals applying for reauthorization, whose authorization has lapsed, shall be eligible for reauthorization upon submission of documents indicating:
 - 1. For a lapse of less than one (1) year:
 - a. Completion of all of the above requirements, plus a prorated amount of continuing education based on the number of months since the last authorization, not to exceed a total of 36 hours.

 - 2. For a lapse of one (1) to two (2) years:
 - a. Completion of all of the above, including the prorated amount of continuing education and;
 - b. Successful evaluation by an authorized MICN or Base Hospital physician of ten (10) ALS radio calls.

 - 3. For a lapse of more than two (2) years:
 - a. Completion of all the above and any additional training or evaluation required by the Agency Medical Director.