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CRITICAL CARE PARAMEDIC (CCP) ACCREDITATION

I. AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 5, Section 100166,

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Accreditation" means authorization to practice CCP skills in those counties in the region where orientation of the local EMS system has been completed
- B. "Agency" means Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency
- C. "Provider" means an approved transporting Critical Care Paramedic provider within Stanislaus County
- D. "CCP" means an individual who is educated and trained in critical care transport and holds a Critical Care Paramedic certification by the Board of Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC)

III. PURPOSE

To provide a mechanism whereby individuals may acquire and maintain CCP accreditation.

IV. POLICY

- A. Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Current Stanislaus County EMS Agency Paramedic Accreditation

2. Minimum of three (3) years full-time or 6000 hours part-time experience, as a Paramedic, in an Advanced Life Support (ALS) system within the last five (5) years.
 3. Not to be the subject of any outstanding formal prehospital investigation or have any censures including performance improvement plans, suspensions, etc. within the past two (2) years.
 4. Successfully complete an Agency approved training program specific to the skills and procedures used during critical care interfacility transfers. Training programs are to have a minimum of two hundred and two (202) hours. Training hours must be a minimum of one hundred and eight (108) hours of didactic and skills laboratories and no less than ninety four (94) hours of hospital clinical training as described in California Code of Regulations Section 100152. A certificate of completion of training from the Provider is valid for no more than twelve (12) months.
 5. Be sponsored by an authorized CCP Provider within Stanislaus County EMS Agency.
- B. A CCP, once accredited by the Agency, shall be considered accredited as long as they:
1. Maintain licensure as an Paramedic, by the State of California.
 2. Maintain licensure as a CCP by the BCCTPC.
 3. Successfully complete any requirements imposed by the Agency Medical Director for an Agency approved Expanded Scope of Practice Class, and Policy Update Class.
 4. Meet any requirements of the System-wide CQI program.
- C. An accredited Paramedic must notify the Agency, within thirty (30) days, of any change in address, telephone or e-mail contact information.
- D. All accredited CCP's must submit, every two years, an information update sheet and a copy of a newly issued State Paramedic license in order to maintain accreditation.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. Submit a completed CCP Authorization Application and attach copies of the following:
1. Certificate of Completion of an approved CCP training program.
 2. Certificate of Completion of an approved Stanislaus County EMS Agency CCP orientation program.
- B. Upon receipt of materials and payment of any applicable fees, the Agency will review all documents to determine the applicant's eligibility.

- C. The Agency will notify the individual and employer of the approval or denial within fourteen (14) business days. If accreditation is granted an accreditation card will be issued.
- D. An applicant may not utilize the CCP Basic Scope of Practice prior to authorization.

VI. RENEWAL

- A. To maintain accreditation the CCP must complete and submit, every two years an Information Update Form and a copy of a valid newly issued Paramedic license from the State of California and newly issued CCP certification by BCCTPC.
- B. At least twenty four (24) hours of annual Continuing Education, in specialized CCP scope of practice as approved by the Agency.

VII. LOSS of CCP BASIC SCOPE of PRACTICE ACCREDITATION

- A. Accreditation may be discontinued for the following reasons:
 - 1. Failure to comply with any provision of this policy.
 - 2. The Agency's Medical Director has determined, based on validated significant negative clinical or performance issues related to CCP Basic Scope of Practice, the CCP is a threat to the safety and well being of the public or patient.
 - 3. Failure to comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local statutes, regulations, ordinances and polices.
- B. If accreditation is suspended, or revoked, the affected paramedic shall be entitled to appeal the decision. The process for appeal is outlined in Agency Policy #161.00, Appeals Process.