

# MICN Authorization

## I. PURPOSE

This policy identifies the process for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization in Contra Costa County.

## II. AUTHORIZATION

A. All candidates shall meet the following requirements for MICN authorization:

1. Submit an electronic MICN application to the EMS Agency.
2. Provide documentation of valid and current licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of California.
3. Provide proof of completion in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) according to the American Heart Association (AHA) standards.
4. Provide documentation of a minimum of twelve (12) months full-time work experience in critical care as a RN in an acute care hospital within the past three (3) years, including six (6) months of emergency department (ED) experience within the past one (1) year.
5. Provide evidence of successful completion of a Contra Costa EMS approved MICN course within the previous twelve (12) months.
6. Provide documentation of completion of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency ambulance observation experience consisting of a minimum of eight (8) hours of direct observation to include at least 4 (four) ALS patient contacts. The ALS emergency ambulance observation experience shall be completed with a ground or air based Contra Costa County LEMSA designated ALS provider. An ALS patient contact is defined as any procedure performed on a patient as defined in Section 100159(b) of the California Code of Regulations.
7. Submit documentation of satisfactorily completing at least ten (10) proctored ALS radio calls.

B. Upon successful completion of section (A)(1) through (7) above, the EMS Agency shall authorize the candidate as a "Provisional" MICN for a period of no more than six (6) months.

C. The Provisional MICN must successfully complete the following additional requirements within six (6) months in order to obtain permanent MICN authorization.

1. EMS Agency approved Base Hospital orientation;
2. EMS Agency approved prehospital communications system orientation;
3. California State EMS Authority (EMSA)/Local Paramedic scope of practice orientation;
4. EMSA/Local EMT scope of practice orientation;
5. Attend an EMS system orientation; and
6. Pass a Contra Costa County EMS protocol examination with a score of not less than eighty percent (80%) that has been proctored by the EMS Agency.

Upon successful completion of (C)(1) through (6) above, the EMS Agency shall authorize the candidate as a Base Hospital MICN for a period of two (2) years from the last day of the month in which the candidate completes all requirements.



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## III. REAUTHORIZATION

To maintain MICN authorization all applicants shall meet the following requirements:

- A. Submit an electronic MICN re-authorization application.
- B. Provide documentation of valid and current licensure as a RN in the State of California.
- C. Provide proof of completion in ACLS according to the AHA standards.
- D. Obtain a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education (CE) relating specifically to prehospital care. Six (6) hours of the twelve (12) hour requirement shall be obtained from BH tape review.
- E. Provide documentation of having had direct contact with EMS field crews via the Base Hospital telephone or radio system no less than twelve (12) times within the past two (2) years.
- F. Although required for initial authorization, MICNs are strongly encouraged to participate in an ALS emergency ambulance direct observation experience for reauthorization. A minimum of eight (8) hours of direct observation to include at least 4 (four) ALS patient contacts is recommended. The ALS emergency ambulance observation experience may be completed with a ground or air based Contra Costa County LEMSA designated ALS provider. An ALS patient contact is defined as any procedure performed on a patient as defined in Section 100159(b) of the California Code of Regulations.

Upon fulfillment of (A)(1) through (6) above, the EMS Agency shall reauthorize the candidate as an MICN for a period of two (2) years from the expiration date on the candidate's current authorization card.

## IV. DENIAL, SUSPENSION, PROBATION OR REVOCATION

An MICN who has not completed the reauthorization process prior to the expiration of their current authorization is not permitted to act in the capacity of an MICN and shall not provide field guidance to ALS service providers. Candidates must complete all of the requirements of this policy prior to being authorized to function as an MICN.

- A. The EMS Agency Medical Director may, for good cause, deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation any MICN authorization. The administrative procedure for any disciplinary actions will be the same used for EMT certificate actions as defined in EMS Agency policy and the California Health and Safety Code.
- B. Any action taken against MICN authorization is independent of any action taken by any Board of Registered Nursing for investigation and/or licensure action.

