

Paramedic Intern Authorization

I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes the criteria for authorization to perform as a Paramedic Intern in Contra Costa County.

No person shall identify themselves as a Paramedic Intern unless that person has been authorized as a Paramedic Intern by CCCEMSA in accordance with this policy.

II. REQUIREMENTS

Submit an application to CCCEMSA with a copy of a government issued photo identification. The application must verify the following:

1. a current unrestricted and valid California EMT certificate,
2. proof of completion of an accredited course in a Basic Life Support for Prehospital Providers (BLS PHP) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course that has not exceeded the recommended date for renewal,
3. proof of Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification by an approved American Heart Association (AHA) ACLS training program,
4. proof of Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) certification by an approved AHA PALS or PEPP training program,
5. proof of International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) or Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) certification by an approved training program; and,
6. complete a Contra Costa County EMS system orientation within six (6) months preceding the application.

III. OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Paramedic Intern shall:

1. Maintain authorization to perform as a Paramedic Intern at all times while acting or performing as a Paramedic Intern.
2. Comply with all instructions and direction of the Paramedic Preceptor for the clinical care and operation of the EMS system while performing as a Paramedic Intern.
3. Report any conduct of the Paramedic Preceptor or the Paramedic Intern that may or did result in patient harm or that would or did have an adverse operational impact on the EMS system.
4. Complete a student evaluation provided by the school institution of the Paramedic Preceptor and paramedic training program to CCCEMSA upon completion of the paramedic internship.



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IV. APPROVAL PROCESS

- A. Upon proof of compliance with this policy, CCCEMSA will issue authorization to perform as a Paramedic Intern after the following is met:
 - 1. The Training Institution verifies the Paramedic Intern met all the requirements of this policy and approves the internship.
 - 2. The service provider verifies the Paramedic Preceptor is authorized to accept the Paramedic Intern and approves the internship.

V. DEAUTHORIZATION PROCESS

- A. CCCEMSA, after an administrative investigation, will take enforcement action to de-authorize a Paramedic Intern for violations of state, federal or county laws; EMS system policies and treatment guidelines; state regulations pertaining to prehospital personnel; or, for other misconduct which affects the integrity or trust associated to a Paramedic Intern.
- B. Upon a determination that the Paramedic Intern should be de-authorized for a violation of this policy, CCCEMSA will notify the Paramedic Intern in writing by U.S. certified mail. CCCEMSA will also provide notice of the de-authorization to the paramedic training program that approved the Paramedic Intern and to the ALS service provider.
- C. There is no right of appeal or to a hearing on any decision to de-authorize a Paramedic Intern.

