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## **SERVICE PROVIDER VERIFICATION OF PARAMEDIC MAINTENANCE TRAINING**

### **PURPOSE**

To standardize the skills identified as infrequently used and provide a method for annual evaluation of all Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) accredited Paramedic's ability to safely, efficiently and accurately perform them.

To establish a standardized method of ensuring that appropriate education and training is provided to all Advanced Life Support (ALS) prehospital personnel in the YEMSA Region on a regularly scheduled basis.

### **AUTHORITY**

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, § 1797.214  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 2, § 100107  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 5, § 100128  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, §§ 100147, 100148  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 5, § 100165  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 7, § 100169  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 12

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Infrequently Used Skill:** Those skills, identified below, that are performed rarely in the prehospital setting and/or that have serious complications when performed incorrectly.

- I. Paramedic Infrequently Used Skills
  - A. Adult
    1. Endotracheal Intubation
    2. Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device (King Airway)
    3. Defibrillation/Cardioversion
    4. Needle Decompression
    5. Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing
    6. Intraosseous Infusion
    7. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices
  - B. Pediatric
    1. Defibrillation/Cardioversion
    2. Intraosseous Infusion

### **POLICY**

- I. Each ALS Prehospital Service Provider in the YEMSA Region shall verify that every Paramedic in their agency has successfully performed all of the infrequently used skills a minimum of once every twelve (12) months. An extension to the twelve (12) month requirement resulting from special circumstances may be individually approved by



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- YEMSA upon request.
- II. These skills shall be verified by successful performance in a structured training environment.
  - III. Skills competency shall be verified by one (1) of the following personnel:
    - A. ALS Service Provider's Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Coordinator or their designee (i.e. – Training Coordinator, Field Training Officer)
    - B. ALS Service Provider's Medical Director
    - C. Base Prehospital Coordinator or their designee
  - IV. ALS Service Providers shall utilize one (1) of the appropriate YEMSA Skills Competency Verification Forms for evaluating skills competency, or an approved provider agency form.
  - V. ALS Service Providers shall complete a Paramedic Infrequent Skills Verification form for each Paramedic evaluated and forward a copy to YEMSA.
  - VI. All ALS Provider Agencies are required to provide these training modules in an instructor based format (i.e. – structured classroom or one on one [1 on 1] setting).
  - VII. All Paramedic personnel are required to complete this training no later than the end of the following calendar quarter. Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) personnel are encouraged to complete this training as appropriate but it is not a mandatory requirement for Basic Life Support (BLS) personnel.
  - VIII. ALS Service Providers shall maintain documentation of skills competency and regional training module completion for each of their Paramedic personnel for a period not less than four (4) years.
    - A. The YEMSA Skills Competency Training Module Verification Summary shall be used for documenting the completion of these requirements or an independent agency worksheet. If using an independent agency worksheet, it must include similar content.
    - B. Documentation of skills competency and regional training module completion is subject to audit by YEMSA. Any Paramedic who is determined to not have current skills verification and/or regional training module completion documentation on file will not be allowed to function as a YEMSA accredited Paramedic until they complete the required skills verification and/or regional training module.