



AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) PROVIDER

PURPOSE

To outline the criteria to be approved as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider in Yolo County.

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 2, §§ 1797.52, 1797.78, 1797.84

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 3, Article 5, § 1797.178

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, §§ 1797.206, 1797.218, 1797.220

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 1, § 100144

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 6, § 100167

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- I. In order to apply for ALS Provider status, a fire department must be authorized to provide 9-1-1 emergency services by the governing body of that jurisdiction.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- I. The applicant shall submit a written request for approval of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider status to the Director/Administrator of the Yolo County EMS Agency. The request shall include the following:
 - A. The desired implementation dates.
 - B. Geographic area to be served.
 - C. Emergency response procedures and standards.
 - D. The number of ALS units desired and the proposed location for each unit.
 - E. The preferred Base Hospital assignment (subject to Yolo County EMS Agency approval).
 - F. Other information pertinent to the proposed ALS program (e.g. the number of personnel licensed and accredited as Paramedics, the number of personnel requiring Paramedic training, and the name and contact information of the EMS Education Paramedic Coordinator.
 - G. The name and contact information of the Provider Agency Medical Director/Drug Authoring Physician, under whose license the Provider Agency will procure equipment, pharmaceuticals (both scheduled and non-scheduled), and medical devices.
 - H. Provision of emergency medical service response on a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis or submit a written request, including justification, to the Yolo County EMS Agency for consideration to waive the 24-hour/day requirement. Waivers shall be granted on a case-by-case basis for provision of services such as:
 1. Law Enforcement Special Weapons or Tactical Squads; or
 2. County-approved Search and Rescue Services; or
 3. County-approved Hazardous Materials Services; or



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4. Public Boat Patrol Services; or
 5. Public Lifeguard; or
 6. Otherwise specified by the EMS Agency.
- I. Submission of a Quality Improvement (QI) Plan.
 - J. A plan and process to provide designated quality improvement reports to the Yolo County EMS Agency.
 - K. A plan to coordinate with ALS ground ambulance companies and response to mutual aid requests.
 - L. Disclosure of any compensation and fees for services.
 - M. Designation of an individual to serve as the liaison for training and quality improvement that will work with and participate with the Yolo County EMS Agency for the provider-based quality improvement, training issues, and will attend continuous quality improvement committee meetings.
 - N. A plan to respond to emergency medical requests with a minimum staffing level of at least one (1) person who shall be a locally accredited Paramedic, and at least one (1) person who is certified as an EMT in the State of California.
 - O. Description of the communication equipment that will be used.
 - P. A controlled substance policy that outlines how scheduled pharmaceuticals will be procured, stored, secured, and distributed. The policy shall include procedures for handling any lost or tampered scheduled pharmaceuticals.
 - Q. A supply/resupply policy that outlines the method for purchasing and storing non-scheduled pharmaceuticals and medical devices.
 - R. A plan to ensure all personnel involved in the ALS program are oriented to Base Hospital operations.
 - S. A policy/procedure to ensure that all ALS units and Paramedic personnel are visibly identified (only for 24-7 operations).
 - T. Implementation and use of a compliant Electronic Patient Care Record (ePCR) system that meets all state and local requirements.
 - U. A list of all the ALS units, numerical description, physical address, and contact number for the location of each unit.
- II. The information listed above that is required for approval is due to the EMS Agency as a completed packet.

PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

- I. Utilize and maintain communications as specified by the Yolo County EMS Agency.
- II. Arrange for Base Hospital orientation; this may be facilitated in conjunction with the Yolo County EMS Agency.
- III. Procure and maintain equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals for each ALS assessment and reserve units, as outlined in the applicable policies. Each ALS assessment and reserve unit shall undergo a unit inventory inspection and be approved by the Yolo County EMS Agency prior to deployment.
- IV. Ensure that all deployed unit(s) are fully stocked.
- V. Maintain a written agreement with the Yolo County EMS Agency to participate as an Approved ALS Provider. This agreement shall be reviewed every two (2) years and may be changed, renewed, canceled, or otherwise modified as necessary.



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- VI. Appoint a Paramedic Coordinator to act as the liaison between the Yolo County EMS Agency and the assigned Base Hospital.
 - VII. Ensure that the Paramedic Coordinator attends EMS Orientation within two (2) months of appointment.
 - VIII. Staff each approved ALS assessment and reserve unit with a minimum of one (1) licensed and locally accredited Paramedic.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Acknowledgement of the applicant's request in writing and furnish a generic template copy of the applicable ALS Service Provider Agreement. A finalized Agreement will be mailed under a separate cover for execution. A fully executed Agreement must be in place prior to program implementation.
- II. Approval or rejection of the request for ALS Provider status based on the Yolo County EMS Agency's review of the documents submitted by the applicant.
- III. Periodic reform of surveys and reviews, including field observations, to ensure compliance with state laws and regulations, local police, medical control, and the ALS Service Provider Agreement.
- IV. Denial, suspension, or revocation of the approval of a Paramedic Provider upon failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.
- V. ALS assessment and reserve unit inventory inspections prior to approval of ALS units for deployment.

PROGRAM UPDATES/MODIFICATIONS

- I. Provider Agencies may request to include additional ALS assessment and reserve units into service and shall notify the Yolo County EMS Agency for inventory inspection and approval. Requests and inventory inspections shall be conducted prior to approval.
- II. Provider Agencies shall notify Yolo County EMS Agency of any long-term relocation of existing ALS units or of reduction in the number of ALS units.
- III. Provider Agencies desiring to change unit configurations shall notify the Yolo County EMS Agency for inventory inspection and approval.