

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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| Manual | Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures | Policy Number 242 |
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I. POLICY

Providers of critical care paramedic services will be designated by the Emergency Medical Services Agency. This designation will be dependent upon an evaluation of medical need as determined by the EMS Medical Director.

II. PROCEDURE

1. All providers and potential providers of critical care paramedic designation in the EMS region shall submit, in writing to the EMS Agency, an application stating the number of units, number of critical care paramedics, geographical area to be covered, dispatch policies, and additional information as requested by the EMS Agency.
2. The Medical Control Committee will evaluate the request based on its medical characteristics and sustainability of the program. The review should include consideration of medical control, skills maintenance and continuing education requirements, medical needs, and training and quality improvement availability at Base Hospitals. A recommendation of approval or denial shall be forwarded to the EMS Medical Director of the EMS Agency.
3. Final approval or denial of the application by the EMS Medical Director is required, based upon appropriate medical input. Any denial shall be explained to the applicant in writing. Any decision by the EMS Medical Director which contradicts the recommendation of the Medical Control Committee shall be explained to the Medical Control Committee.
4. The EMS Agency shall review all critical care paramedic providers every two (2) years and renew, suspend or revoke the designation, based on approval of the EMS Medical Director. Approved providers must demonstrate their continued compliance with the requirements of the Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations, County ordinances, and policies and procedures applicable to such providers. No individual or agency shall provide or claim to provide critical care paramedic services in Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County unless they have been designated according to this policy as a critical care paramedic provider.

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