

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
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A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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I. POLICY

A Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) certified in Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County may be recertified as an MICN after successful completion of all recertification and continuing education requirements.

II. PROCEDURE

A. To be eligible for recertification as an MICN in Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare Counties, the MICN must complete the following:

1. Demonstrate proof of current employment at a Base Hospital Emergency Department in Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County; and
2. Demonstrate proof of current certification as an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider according to the standards of the American Heart Association at all times while certified as an MICN; and
3. Complete an average of four (4) radio calls per month (96 per 2-year recertification cycle) as an MICN in a CCEMSA Base Hospital. Each PLN is responsible to track radio call volume for each Base Hospital MICN; and
4. A non-refundable certification fee shall be assessed of each MICN at the time of online application or per pre-arranged process.

B. Lapse of Certification

An MICN shall not function in the capacity of an MICN unless issued a current MICN certification card from the EMS Agency.

The following criteria must be completed for MICN certifications that have expired:

1. Certification Lapse - Less than 6 months from certification expiration date

Any MICN that fails to meet recertification requirements and is within 6 months of certification expiration date may be allowed to recertify by meeting the above recertification requirements in Section II. A.

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2. Certification Lapse - Greater than 6 months and less than 12 months

Any MICN who fails to meet recertification requirements and is greater than 6 months but less than 12 months from certification expiration date must complete the above in Section II. A.as well as the following additional requirements:

- a. 12 hours of Category I and/or an additional 12 hours of Category II continuing education hours or a combination thereof; **and**
- b. A minimum of five (5) ALS calls with each call supervised by a certified MICN or Base Hospital Physician. Documentation must be submitted to the Base Hospital PLN for review; **and**
- c. The Base Hospital PLN will include that the MICN has successfully completed the call requirement as listed above in the letter of Base Hospital employment for the online reapplication process.

3. Certification Lapse - Greater than 12 months and less than 24 months

Any MICN that fails to meet recertification requirements and is greater than 12 months but less than 24 months from certification expiration date must complete the above in Section II. A.as well as the following additional requirements:

- a. Retake the CCEMSA accreditation exam on local policies and procedures with a score of 80% or higher; **and**
- b. 24 hours of Category I and/or an additional 24 hours of Category II continuing education hours or a combination thereof; **and**
- c. A minimum of ten (10) ALS calls with each call supervised by a certified MICN or Base Hospital Physician. Documentation must be submitted to the Base Hospital PLN; **and**
- d. The Base Hospital PLN will include that the MICN has successfully completed the call requirement as listed above in the letter of Base Hospital employment for the online reapplication process.

4. Certification Lapse - Greater than 24 months (2 years)

Any MICN who fails to meet recertification requirements and is greater than 24 months or 2 years from the certification expiration date shall complete an entire MICN course and meet the initial certification requirements as outlined in Policy #142.

C. Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

Continuing Education (CE) programs must be approved by either the EMS Agency or an approved EMS CE provider in accordance with EMS Policy #702. MICNs must complete required continuing education credits as below and provide documentation to the EMS Agency prior to the certification expiration date.

1. An MICN shall meet the following continuing education minimums by the end of each two-year certification period:
 - a. **Category I CE**

NOTE: Submission of Category I CE will **only** be required if MICN Certification has lapsed.

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- b. The EMS Agency will utilize the following criteria to define Category I CE in Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare Counties:
- Attending an approved ALS or BLS presentation
 - Conducting an approved ALS or BLS presentation
 - Attending an approved Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS) course (time of direct involvement)
 - Teaching an approved Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS) course (time of direct involvement). (A total of 8 hours is allowed every recertification cycle.)
 - Assisting with workshops and/or testing of an approved prehospital ALS or MICN course or certification examination of EMT-I, EMT-P, or MICN.
 - Teaching an American Heart Association or American Red Cross CPR Health Care Provider Course. (A total of 8 hours is allowed every recertification cycle.)
 - Teaching or supervising the clinical performance of ALS students. (A total of 8 hours is allowed every recertification cycle.)
 - ALS Observation Time [Maximum twelve (12) hours] on an approved Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County ALS response unit. The MICN should observe the assessment of the patient and listen to the call-in. The patient may or may not require ALS therapy. Documentation of field experience must be submitted to the EMS Agency
- c. 12 Hours of Case/Tape Review - (**Category II**)
- An MICN shall complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours of organized pre-hospital field care audits of recorded and/or written patient care records every two years. In Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare Counties, these tape reviews/field care audits/case studies will be coordinated by the Prehospital Liaison Nurse of an authorized Base Hospital under the direction of a Base Hospital Physician.