



Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Fresno County  
Department of Public Health

### SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare EMS Providers, Hospitals, First Responder Agencies, and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Implementation of EMS Policy and Procedures

- #001 – Table of Contents and Revision Log
- #112 – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification
- #114 – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Recertification
- #701 – EMS Personnel Continuing Education Credit Programs – **DELETED**
- #702 – Continuing Education Providers

The following Policies are implemented retroactively to July 1, 2017. The policy changes are primarily due to changes that were implemented by the State EMS Authority update of the EMT regulations that took effect at the beginning of this month.

It is important that agencies employing or training EMTs be familiar with these changes. It is highly recommended that agencies review the updated [California Code of regulations, Title 22, Division 9 Chapter 2](#).

Copies of these policies will be available on the EMS Agency website at [www.ccemsa.org](http://www.ccemsa.org).

#### EMS Policy #001 - Table of Contents and Revision Log

The changes to this policy include the update to the latest revision dates of each policy. All users of the EMS policies and procedures manual should assure that they have the latest version of each policy and procedure.

#### EMS Policy #112 – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification

The only significant change to this policy relates to an appropriate CPR certificate or card for EMT certification and recertification. An approved CPR certification shall be a current Basic

Cardiac Life Support (BLS) CPR certification by the standards of the American Heart Association (BLS Provider), or American Red Cross (BLS for Healthcare Providers), or the equivalent.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the CPR certification meets the Healthcare Provider standards of the American Heart Association. The CPR card will be denied if it is unclear as to what level of CPR training was provided. Online internet courses will not be accepted.

#### EMS Policy #114 – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Recertification

This policy has the following changes:

1. Appropriate CPR certification (refer to comments in EMS Policy #112 above).
2. Continuing Education must be received within two years of applying for recertification. If the training was received greater than 24 months, it will not be accepted.
3. EMT Recertification still requires a skills competency verification form that has been modified to include naloxone and epinephrine administration.
4. A lapse in EMT certification of greater than 2 years no longer requires a retake of an entire EMT course. The regulations only identify a lapse of EMT certification greater than 12 months, which requires 48 hours of C.E., a new live scan, and successful completion of the National Registry written and skills exam. A valid CPR card is a requirement.
5. Beginning on July 1, 2019, an EMT renewing his/her EMT certification shall submit documentation of successful completion of training in the use and administration of naloxone, epinephrine auto-injector, and glucometer.
6. We removed language related to continuing education that can be found in the [California Code of regulations, Title 22, Division 9 Chapter 11](#).

#### EMS Policy #701 – EMS Personnel Continuing Education Credit Programs – DELETED

#### EMS Policy #702 – Continuing Education Providers

The changes to this policy were primarily to update language in order for the policy to be more consistent with [California Code of regulations, Title 22, Division 9 Chapter 11](#).

CE Providers and Training Programs should review and become familiar with the regulations.

Please contact the EMS Agency at (559) 600-3387 if you have any questions.

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