I. POLICY

A Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) certified in Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County may be recertified as a 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 a MICN; and

3. Documentation of an average of four (4) radio calls per month as a MICN; and

4. Every two years the MICN shall pass an accreditation written exam on local policies and procedures with a score of 80% or higher; and

5. A non-refundable certification fee shall be assessed each MICN prior to any recertification testing.

B. Lapse of Certification

An MICN shall not function in the capacity of an MICN unless they have been 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 their certification expiration date may be allowed to recertify by meeting the above recertification requirements.
2. Certification Lapse - Greater than 6 months and less than 12 months

Any MICN that fails to meet recertification requirements and is greater than 6 months and less than 12 months from their certification expiration date must complete the following additional requirements:

a. an additional 12 hours of Category I and/or Category II continuing education hours

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 EMS Agency.

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 and less than 24 months from their certification expiration date must complete the following additional requirements:

a. An additional 24 hours of Category I and/or Category II continuing education hours

b. 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 EMS Agency.

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

Any MICN that fails to meet recertification requirements and is greater than 24 months or 2 years shall complete an entire MICN course and meet the initial certification requirements.

C. Continuing Education Requirements

Continuing Education (C.E.) programs must be approved by either the EMS Agency or an approved EMS C.E. provider in accordance with EMS Policy #701. MICNs must complete required continuing education credits 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. 12 Hours of Combination Category - (Category I)

An MICN shall complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours of lecture, seminar, or assisting in instruction in prehospital basic and/or advance life support knowledge, or observing on a ride-along on an ALS response unit.

b. 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.
2. The EMS Agency will utilize the following criteria for Category I C.E. In Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare Counties:

   a. Attending an approved LALS/ALS or BLS presentation;
   
   b. Conducting an approved LALS/ALS or BLS presentation; or
   
   c. Attending an approved ACLS or BTLS course (time of direct involvement);
   
   d. Assisting with workshops and/or testing of an approved prehospital LALS/ALS course or certification examination of EMT-I, EMT-II, EMT-P, MICN;
   
   e. Teaching an American Heart Association or American Red Cross CPR Health Care Provider Course (A total of 8 hours is allowed every recertification cycle);
   
   f. Teaching or supervising the clinical performance of LALS/ALS students (A total of 8 hours is allowed every recertification cycle);
   
   g. Extra Category II credits; or
   
   h. ALS Observation Time [Maximum twelve (12) hours] - ALS observation time 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.