

## **POLICY #216: EMT ACCREDITATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

- A. To establish criteria as defined by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), for the local accreditation of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) in the County of San Luis Obispo.

### **II. SCOPE**

- A. This policy applies to EMTs working for any County of San Luis Obispo (SLO) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider Agency, who have been trained and successfully completed competency-based evaluations on each EMT Optional Skill approved for their EMS Provider Agency.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- EMS Provider Agency: An agency or organization in SLO that is responsible for and approved to provide emergency medical care using certified/accredited EMTs and/or paramedics.
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT): A person who has a current and valid EMT certification issued in California.
- EMT Accreditation: The local authorization of EMTs to use EMT Optional Skills by SLO Emergency Medical Services Agency (SLOEMSA).
- EMT Optional Skills: Refers to skills listed in the CCR as optional skills that require Medical Director policy and procedure for approval and EMT accreditation.

### **IV. POLICY**

- A. Candidates for initial accreditation must complete the mandatory training conducted by their EMS Provider Agency and pass the competency based written and skills evaluations.
- B. Initial accreditation will be valid from the date of accreditation until the end of the EMTs current certification. Reaccreditation will then correspond with their two-year EMT certification cycle.
- C. EMT accreditation will expire when an EMT is no longer employed by an approved EMS Provider Agency in SLO or if the EMT fails to meet any of the requirements of this policy.
- D. Ongoing training, continued competency verification, and accreditation for personnel must be completed and documented every two (2) years or more frequently as demonstrated by the EMS Provider Agency's EMS Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP).
- E. The EMS Provider Agency will provide a list of all accredited EMTs to SLOEMSA. This list shall be maintained and provided to SLOEMSA when updated.

- F. Accredited EMTs may use EMT Optional Skills in the following situations:
  - 1. When on duty with their EMS Provider Agency.
  - 2. When an accredited EMT has started an EMT Optional Skill and an ALS unit arrives on scene prior to completing that skill, the EMT may continue the skill with the approval and under the direction of the arriving SLO accredited paramedic, if the continuation of the skill expedites necessary patient care.
  - 3. An accredited EMT may perform Optional Skills for any patient at the request and under the direction of an on scene SLO accredited paramedic.
  - 4. During a mutual aid response into another jurisdiction, an accredited EMT may utilize the EMT Optional Skills for which they are authorized for use by their EMS Provider Agency in SLO.
- G. Once accredited and based on the continuous EMSQIP, the employer or SLOEMSA Medical Director may determine that an accredited EMT needs additional training, observation, or testing. The employer and SLOEMSA's Medical Director, may create a specific and targeted program of remediation based on the identified need of the EMT. If there is disagreement between the EMT, the employer and/or SLOEMSA's Medical Director, the decision of SLOEMSA's Medical Director will prevail.
- H. The SLOEMSA Medical Director shall approve exceptions to any accreditation requirement.
- I. Current CCR will supersede this policy.

## V. PROCEDURE

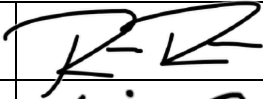
- A. Initial accreditation: The date of initial accreditation is valid when an authorized representative of the EMT's approved EMS Provider Agency completes and forwards the following documentation to SLOEMSA.
  - 1. A list of all EMTs that have successfully completed the initial EMT Optional Skills training curriculum including written test and skills assessment. List shall include:
    - a. Name of the skill(s) tested.
    - b. Name of EMT personnel being accredited.
    - c. Date training and assessment completed.
    - d. State EMT certification number.
    - e. State EMT certification expiration date (accreditation expiration date).
- B. SLOEMSA will review and send a notification of receipt to the approved EMS Provider Agency.
- C. Reaccreditation: At least every two years, or more often as deemed necessary by the EMSQIP, the approved EMS Provider Agency will provide refresher training, as necessary, to ensure the EMT can demonstrate competency through a written test and skill(s) assessment.

1. The approved EMS Provider Agency will submit an updated list of all EMTs that have successfully completed the reaccreditation refresher training, including a written test and skills assessment.

#### VI. AUTHORITY

- Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9.

Approvals:

EMS Agency, Administrator	
EMS Agency, Medical Director	