



County of Santa Clara
Emergency Medical Services
Policies and Procedures

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MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE (MICN) ACCREDITATION

I. **Purpose:** To provide California licensed Registered Nurses (RNs) authorization to practice as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) within Santa Clara County.

II. **Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.56.

III. Policy:

A. Eligibility

- To be eligible for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Accreditation in Santa Clara County, applicants must:
 - Have current licensure in the State of California as a Registered Nurse and provide a digital copy of the license used to meet the eligibility requirements.
 - Affiliation with an approved Santa Clara County Base Hospital.
 - Minimum of one (1) year emergency department experience.
 - Successful completion of an Agency approved MICN training program. A certificate of completion of training is valid for no more than two (2) years. Course completion will include successfully passing the Santa Clara County MICN Examination
 - Passing, by pre-established standards, a supervised pre-accreditation base hospital contact evaluation consisting of at least three (3) advanced life support (ALS) patient contacts on the radio or telephone.
 - Proof demonstrating the completion of at least eight (8) hours of ride-along time with ALS field units in Santa Clara County.

IV. Procedure:

A. Application Process:

- The MICN must submit a completed application and all supporting documentation to the EMS Agency.
- Accreditation is valid for the same period as the applicant's California Nurse License.
- MICN may apply for accreditation no more than three (3) times within any twelve (12) month period.

B. Accreditation Process:

- Maintaining accreditation is the responsibility of the MICN. Though employers may assist with the maintenance process, knowing and ensuring that the accreditation requirements are met remains the responsibility of the individual MICN. The Agency must receive the required information shown in Section B at least thirty (30) days prior to the accreditation expiration date.
- Once issued, accreditation is continuous contingent upon the MICN submitting evidence to the Agency every two (2) years demonstrating:
 - Proof of continuing California Registered Nurse licensure
 - Proof of affiliation with an approved Base Hospital
 - Proof of obtaining and maintaining all of the following:
 - Advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or equivalent
 - Pediatric advanced life support (PALS), advanced pediatric life support (APLS), or equivalent
 - Trauma nursing core course (TNCC), or equivalent
 - Proof of eight (8) hours of continuing education directly related to EMS/pre-hospital care (EMS Update may be used to meet these hours) OR Proof demonstrating the completion of at least eight (8) hours of ride-along time with ALS field units in Santa Clara County
 - Proof of successful completion of any other Agency required education or training

C. Loss of Accreditation:

APPROVAL:

Signature on File

Nick Clay, EMS Director/Chief

Signature on File

Nicole D'Arcy MD, EMS Medical Director

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1. Lapse:
 - a. Local accreditation will lapse if a MICN fails to submit evidence of meeting the accreditation requirements prior to end of the two (2) year period. Once a lapse has occurred, all required items in Section II and IV must be provided.
2. Negative Action:
 - a. The EMS Medical Director may, for good cause, deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation any accreditation issued pursuant to this policy.
 - b. Any action taken against accreditation is independent of any notification made to the Board of Registered Nursing for investigation and/or licensure action. However, the Base Hospital Coordinator will immediately be notified of all inquiries, complaints, and/or investigations.

V. **Special Considerations:** None

VI. **References:**

- A. EMS Policy 106: Personnel Investigations and Discipline

VII. **Attachments:** None