



**TITLE: ACCREDITATION, AUTHORIZATION, AND CERTIFICATION REVIEW PROCESS**      EMS Policy No. **2700**

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide an overview of the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency's (SJCEMSA) process for accreditation, authorization, certification, and license disciplinary review.

**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220

**DEFINITIONS:**

- A. "SJCEMSA" means the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Certificate" means any of the following:
  - a. Any valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT (EMT-I)) certificate issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - b. Any valid Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT (EMT-II)) certificate issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - c. Any valid Paramedic accreditation issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - d. Any valid Paramedic preceptor authorization issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - e. Any valid Paramedic Accreditation Officer authorization issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - f. Any valid Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5.
  - g. Any valid Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certificate issued by the San Joaquin County EMS agency pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - h. Any valid EMS Dispatcher authorization issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5
  - i. Any valid Paramedic Student Field Internship authorization issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - j. Any valid Paramedic license issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of SJCEMSA to deny, suspend, or revoke SJCEMSA issued certificates and authorizations for cause pursuant to this policy.

**PROCEDURE:**

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- I. The EMS Medical Director of SJCEMSA may take disciplinary action against a certificate holder for which any of the following are true:
  - A. The certificate was issued by SJCEMSA;
  - B. The certificate holder utilizes or has utilized the certificate or skills authorized by the certificate in San Joaquin County.
- II. EMT and Advanced EMT disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 1798.200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6.
- III. Paramedic licensure actions (e.g. immediate suspension) shall be performed according to the provisions of Health and Safety Code 1798.202. A. Notification to the EMS Authority shall be made pursuant to Section 1798.202 of the Health and Safety Code.
- IV. Notification to the paramedic licensee shall be made pursuant to Section 1798.202 of the Health and Safety Code.
- V. Any holder of the following certificates: EMR certification; EMS Dispatcher authorization; paramedic accreditation; paramedic student field internship; and MICN authorization may request an Investigative Review Panel in accordance with EMS Policy No. 2740, Investigative Review Panel to review any disciplinary actions.
- VI. An application for accreditation/authorization/certification or continuous accreditation/accreditation renewal/authorization renewal/certification renewal shall be denied and does not require an IRP or an administrative hearing if an applicant fails to meet the requirements for accreditation/authorization/certification or continuous accreditation/accreditation renewal/authorization renewal/certification renewal.