

**I. Purpose:**

- A. To establish procedures which allow for the approval of paramedic training program providers in Imperial County and to assist providers in meeting the standards and requirements.

**II. Authority:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code – Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services [1797. – 1799.207.]
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Social Security, Division 9. Prehospital Emergency Medical Services

**III. Definitions:**

- A. Paramedic Training Program – Any institution/agency approved by the Imperial County EMS Agency for the purpose of preparing individuals to render prehospital advanced life support within an organized EMS system, and to prepare individuals to render critical care transport within an organized EMS system.

**IV. Policy:**

- A. An agency or institution will request approval from the Imperial County EMS Agency to become a paramedic training provider.
- B. Any institution/agency requesting approval as a paramedic training program must meet the qualifications for training providers as outlined in Division 9, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Article 3.
- C. Provider approval will be for four years, ending on the final month of the approval period.
- D. Approved training programs will abide by state laws, regulations, and Imperial County EMS Agency policies and procedures.
- E. Any training program offered by an approved provider must be within the approved periods. Programs beginning or ending outside the approval period will not be considered approved programs.
- F. Notification of each course offered by the approved provider will be given to the Imperial County EMS Agency using the “Notification of EMS Course” form, which will be submitted as early 90 days but not less than 30 days prior to the beginning of each course.
- G. Minimum competency requirements for program participants to successfully complete and pass approved training programs will not be less than 80% on written final examinations and 80% on

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skills examinations with 100% of the skills' factors attained, and will include the successful completion of all clinical and field internships.

1. Students may only sit the state licensing exam after having met all the provisions of the approved training program, including successful completion of the didactic, clinical, and field training portions.

H. All programs will submit precepting schedule information at least one week prior to students beginning their field time, including: (changes may be submitted as updates)

1. Student name
2. Employing agency affiliation (if applicable)
3. Precepting agency name & crew unit #
4. Precepting crew names/titles
5. Schedule – days assigned (i.e. M, W, every other F) and hours/shift (12/24)
6. Apparatus type

I. All programs will submit to the EMS Agency for immediate review any untoward patient care events, and cooperate in any patient care investigations through the EMS Incident Report and QI Program process.

J. All programs will submit concerns to the EMS Agency for review surrounding communication or preceptor issues.

K. Upon completion of each individual course, the training program will submit the following:

1. A course completion record to the EMS Agency listing all students registered for the course and their status (pass/fail/incomplete).
2. A course completion record to each passing student that:
  - a. Meets the requirements as established in Title 22.
  - b. Has been reviewed and approved by the EMS Agency.

L. All course completion records will be issued within 30 calendar days of the end of the course.

M. All qualified institutions/agencies will submit their completed application packet a minimum of 120 days prior to the beginning of the first proposed course offering or 90 days prior to their current program expiration if applying for reapproval. This packet shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A completed "Application for EMS Training/Refresher Program Approval"

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2. The names and qualifications of their Course Director, Medical Director, and Principal Instructors using the appropriate forms and supporting documentation.
  3. A statement that their program content is equivalent to the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, DOT HS 811 077E, January 2009.
  4. Course materials to include curriculum, class schedule, course objectives, major assignments/projects, all major examinations, skills performance objectives, and operational policies, procedures, and forms.
  5. Provisions for clinical and field internships to include:
    - a. Student evaluation criteria and forms.
    - b. Training and monitoring of preceptors.
    - c. Written agreements/MOUs with the providers of clinical and field internship experiences that express their ability and willingness to comply with the philosophies and policies of the training program, and with the policies and procedures of Imperial County EMS Agency, including quality assurance and patient care investigations.
- N. The Imperial County EMS Agency will notify the submitting institution/agency within 30 working days of receiving the application packet that the application has been received and is or is not complete.
1. If not complete, missing information will be disclosed.
- O. Institutions/agencies applying for approval will schedule a facilities evaluation tour by the EMS Agency.
1. All approved programs will be subject to scheduled and unscheduled visits by the EMS Agency for the purpose of program evaluation.
- P. Program staff, at minimum, must meet the qualifications established in Title 22 and student/staff ratios will be maintained.
- Q. Approved programs will provide for clinical and field internships as established by Title 22.
1. Approved programs must provide mechanisms/options for a student/preceptor reassignment should conflicts arise that are not based on performance/evaluations.
  2. Approved programs must provide a mechanism/option for an extension of clinical and/or field internships if documentation supports borderline but improving student performance.

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- R. The EMS Agency will notify the submitting institution/agency in writing of the approval/disapproval decision within 60 days of the receipt of the completed application packet. If approval is not granted, the reasons will be specified in writing.
- S. Approved paramedic training programs will notify the EMS Agency in writing of any changes in course objectives, hours of instruction, course director, program medical director, principal instructor and/or the provision of hospital clinical and field internship experiences. All such changes are subject to the approval of the EMS Agency.
1. It is preferred that notification be made in advance of said changes, but in all cases it will be no later than within 30 days of the change.
  2. Notification of changes in staff will include documentation of new staff qualifications.
  3. Site additions to the clinical and/or field experiences will include copies of the agreements/MOU's signed with each institution/agency, and an explanation of how that site will be incorporated into the student experience.

**V. Attachments:**

- A. *Application for EMS Training/Refresher Program Approval Form*
- B. *Notification of Proposed EMS Course Form \*\*\*online form\*\*\**

APPROVED:

SIGNATURE ON FILE – DATE

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