

EMS Personnel
MICN Authorization**Date: 07/01/2023**
Policy #2500**I.** **Purpose:**

- A. To identify a process for authorization of a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN).

II. **Authority:**

- A. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, section 1797.56, 1797.188, 1797.210,
- B. California Code of regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, section 100169, 100170.

III. **Policy:** All candidates shall meet the following authorization requirements.

- A. Prerequisite Criteria (Documentation that these criteria have been met must be submitted with the candidate's application for authorization):
 1. Provide evidence of valid and current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California.
 2. Provide evidence of valid and current BLS and ACLS card (AHA Healthcare Provider or equivalent as approved by ICEMS)
 3. Provide evidence of previous authorization as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (or Authorized Registered Nurse) in a California county or Provide evidence of a minimum of 12 months critical care experience as a Registered Nurse of which at least 6 months must be within the emergency department of an acute care hospital.
 4. Provide evidence of successful completion of a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Course approved by the local EMS Agency with a passing score on their final examination.
- B. The candidate will complete an ALS emergency response vehicle observation experience consisting of direct observation of at least 16 hours, which must include at least four (4) ALS patient contacts in which the patient was assessed and treated in the field.
- C. Complete the Imperial County MICN Application Packet.
- D. Pay all related local MICN authorization and/or testing fee (s).
- E. Provide proof of employment as follows:
 1. Within the emergency department of a designated Base Hospital; OR
 2. Principal Instructor for the Paramedic Training Program at Imperial Valley College.
- F. Upon successful completion of requirements described in Section III. A through B above, the local EMS Agency shall authorize the candidate as a base hospital MICN for a period of accreditation valid for the same period as the applicant's California Nurse License from the last day of the month in which the certification requirements are met – 2 (two) years.

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- G. Candidates failing to successfully complete the authorization process within twelve (12) months from their initial written testing date must repeat the entire authorization process.

IV. Reauthorization: Only candidates authorized in Imperial County are eligible for reauthorization. All reauthorization candidates shall meet the following requirements and provide documentation to the EMS Agency.

- A. Pay all related local MICN reauthorization and/or testing fee (s), if any.
 - B. Provide evidence of valid and current licensure as a registered nurse in California.
 - C. Provide evidence of valid and current American Heart Association CPR and ACLS card.
 - D. Provide proof of having obtained required continuing education approved by the local EMS Agency.
 - E. Attend at least six (6) organized field care case reviews per year. Case review attendance must be documented on the MICN Continuing Education record. The completed record, with the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator signature, must be submitted to the County EMS Agency no later than the last day of each MICN's certification period.
 - F. Provide proof of employment as follows:
 1. Assignment within the emergency department of a designated Base Hospital for a minimum of one (1) shift per month for no less than 10 months per calendar year; OR
 2. Primary Instructor for the Paramedic Training Program at IVC; OR
 3. Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
- G. Upon fulfillment of A through F above, the local EMS Agency shall reauthorize the candidate as an MICN for a maximum of two (2) years from the last day of the month in which all recertification requirements were completed.

V. Lapse MICN Authorization: Individuals who have let their MICN authorization lapse shall be eligible for reauthorization when the following have been met:

- A. Lapse of less than one (1) year:
 1. The requirements for reauthorization shall be met and all continuing education missed shall be completed.
- B. Lapse of between one (1) year and two (2) years:
 1. The requirements for reauthorization shall be met
 2. Complete all continuing education that was missed

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3. Successfully pass a supervised base hospital evaluation to consist of no less than six (6) ALS patient care radio reports
 - C. Lapse of two (2) years or more:
 1. The requirements of authorization and additional training/evaluation as required by the medical director of the local EMS Agency.
 - D. Any exception to the above requirements must be approved by the local EMS Medical Director

VI. Inactive Status:

- A. An MICN who does not meet the reauthorization requirements (to include the annual continuing education, proof of employment and licensing requirements) shall be placed on Inactive Status.
- B. When on Inactive Status, the individual will not function as an MICN.
- C. To resume active MICN status, the MICN will submit evidence of being current in MICN continuing education requirements as well as complying with all criteria to maintain MICN reauthorization.

APPROVED:

SIGNATURE ON FILE – DATE

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