

**EMT SKILLS COMPETENCY VERIFICATION****I. AUTHORITY:**

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220 and 1798; Title 22, Division 9, Section 100080(5).

II. APPLICATION:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for operationalizing the verification of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) skills competency.

III. POLICY:**A. The following types of organizations are authorized to verify skills competency:**

1. Local EMS agency (LEMSA)-approved training programs, including EMT training programs, paramedic training programs and EMS continuing education providers; and
 2. EMS providers, including public safety agencies, private ambulance providers, and other locally-authorized EMS providers that have a state of California continuing education number issued to their program.
- B. Authorized organizations may designate individuals that are currently Orange County certified or accredited as an EMT, paramedic, MICN, flight nurse or other Registered Nurse working for an Orange County provider or physician licensed in the State of California and are affiliated with a training program that has a continuing education number, to verify EMT skills competency.
1. ONLY employees of the authorized organization with certificates or licenses in good standing are eligible for designation by the organization.
- C. Authorized organizations shall maintain lists of current agency-approved skills signers.
1. Authorized organizations will submit skills verifiers lists to OCEMS when a skills verifier is added or taken off their organizations list. Use Attachment A for this purpose.
 2. Certifying entities who authorize their skills verifiers to sign off skills for EMTs outside of their organization must maintain a list of current agency-approved skills signers (use Attachment A).
 3. Authorized organizations will maintain a roster with the date, authorized organizations name, skills verifiers name(s), and name(s) of the skills competency testing attendees.

IV. CRITERIA:

- A. Individual EMT skills shall only be verified using the state approved EMSA form (SCV 01/17), Attachment B.
- B. Orange County EMS will ONLY accept the most current state approved EMSA skills verification form with signatures for EACH skill verifying competency. The affiliation and certification/license number of the skills verifier must be present for each skill signed.
- C. Any skills verification form that does not contain the signature, printed name, affiliation and/or license number of the person for each skill verified, will result in a denial in processing of the certificate or accreditation.

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- D. Skills verification forms with digital signatures will result in a denial in processing of the EMT renewal certification.
 - E. Verification of skills competency will be verified by direct observation of an actual or simulated patient contact. (i.e. skills station).
 - F. The OCEMS EMT skills competency verification requirements found in this policy, "# 510.10 EMT Skills Competency Verification Process", exceed those found on the second page of the EMSA "EMT Skills Competency Verification Form" SCV (01/17). Completed "EMT Skills Competency Verification" forms must meet the requirements of this policy for EMT certification renewal.

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