

SUBJECT: **PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION**

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I. PURPOSE

To identify the process for paramedic accreditation in Contra Costa County.

II. ACCREDITATION

- A. All candidates shall meet the following accreditation requirements:
- 1) Possess a current California paramedic license.
 - 2) Be employed as a paramedic with a designated ALS service provider or the EMS Agency
 - 3) Attend a Contra Costa EMS Orientation provided by the provider agency and approved by the EMS Agency or provided by the EMS Agency.
 - 4) Successfully complete the Contra Costa County EMS Optional Scope Skills Session provided by the provider agency.
 - 5) Complete an application form, available on line or at the provider agency or the EMS Agency.
- B. Documentation that the accreditation requirements have been met must be submitted to the EMS Agency, by the applicant's employer, with the candidate's application and accreditation fee.

The EMS Agency shall notify individuals applying for accreditation of the decision to accredit within thirty (30) days of application.

III. MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION

- A. Accreditation to practice shall be continuous as long as:
- 1) State licensure is maintained,
 - 2) Employment as a paramedic with a designated Contra Costa ALS service provider or the EMS Agency is maintained,
 - 3) A current and valid ACLS card, according to the standards of the American Heart Association, is maintained.
 - 4) Verification of skills competency is completed every two years, and,
 - 5) Any other local requirements are met.
- B. Documentation that the above requirements to maintain accreditation have been met must be submitted by the applicant's employer prior to expiration of the paramedic's license.