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MICN AUTHORIZATION AND RE-AUTHORIZATION

I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.56; Division 2, Business and Professions Code, Section 2725; and Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100168, (b) (7).

II. DEFINITIONS

A. "Agency" - means the Mountain-Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency.

B. "Base Hospital" - means a hospital approved and designated by the Agency to provide immediate Medical Direction and supervision of Advanced Life Support care in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Agency.

C. "Mobile Intensive Care Nurse" ("MICN") - means a registered nurse who is functioning pursuant to Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code, and who has been authorized by the Agency Medical Director to issue instructions to prehospital emergency medical care personnel within this region according to the Prehospital Treatment Guidelines developed by the Agency.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for authorization and re-authorization of Mobile Intensive Care Nurses.

IV. POLICY FOR MICN AUTHORIZATION

A. Registered Nurses in good standing who possess a California MICN course completion certificate, and successfully fulfill MICN authorization requirements as established by the Agency, are eligible for authorization.

B. Candidate must successfully complete all requirements of this policy within six months of application.

V. PROCEDURE

A. The candidate must submit an MICN application, provided by the agency, which documents:

1. Current licensure as a California Registered Nurse.
2. Successful completion of an MICN course approved by the Agency or a course which meets or exceeds Agency requirements.
3. One year experience as a Registered Nurse.
4. Six months experience as a Registered Nurse working in a critical care setting such as the intensive care unit, critical care unit or emergency department, or six months experience working as a California licensed paramedic with 50 or more ALS patient contacts.
5. A copy of a valid Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate from a training course which meets the standards established by the American Heart Association.
6. Region IV, Office of Emergency Services, four-hour Hospital Module, Multi-casualty Incident (MCI) Training

Candidates who do not document the MCI training will be issued authorization for six months only. Candidates must acquire the training within this six-month period to be eligible for continued authorization for the full two-year cycle.

B. The candidate shall:

1. Pay the established fee. The Agency shall not process applications until all related fees are paid.
2. Sign an affidavit that he/she is not precluded from authorization for any reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
3. Pass a written MICN examination with a minimum score of 75% and a written protocol examination with a minimum score of 80%. A candidate who fails either the MICN exam or the protocols exam is eligible to retake the appropriate exam(s) within 60 days. A score of 80% or higher shall be required to pass the repeat exams. A candidate may not take the exam(s) a third time without completing additional criteria as required by the Agency Medical Director.
4. Provide a photograph for identification purposes.

5. Satisfactorily complete a pre-authorization Base Hospital evaluation which includes:
 - a. No less than 10 ALS radio calls supervised by a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse or Base Hospital Physician, with the following exception:
 - b. No less than 3 ALS radio calls if the applicant is currently an authorized MICN in good standing in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced or San Joaquin Counties, and submits a letter of reference from the MICN's most recent Base Hospital Medical Director or Nurse Liaison verifying the MICN's satisfactory performance in handling ALS radio calls within the last two-year period.
- C. Upon satisfactory completion and submission of the requirements of this policy, the candidate will be issued authorization for a maximum period of two (2) years. The effective date of authorization shall be the date the candidate satisfies all authorization requirements. The authorization expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.

MICN RE-AUTHORIZATION

I. PROCEDURE

- A. Prior to expiration of current authorization, the candidate shall:
 1. Submit a completed Agency application which includes:
 - a. Payment of established fee(s). The Agency shall not process applications until all required fees are paid.
 - b. A signed affidavit that the candidate is not precluded from authorization for any reason defined in Division 2.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.
 - c. Documentation of current California Registered Nurse license.
 - d. Photo identification.
 - e. Verification of successful completion of all continuing education requirements during the authorization period. Continuing education for each MICN shall include, at a minimum:
 - 1) Sixteen (16) hours of formal education, relating specifically to ALS pre-hospital care.
 - 2) Any additional continuing education prescribed by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

- B. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of this policy, The MICN will be issued authorization for a maximum period of two years. The new effective date of authorization shall be the day after their current authorization expires. The certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.
 1. If an MICN applies for reauthorization more than six (6) months before their current authorization expires, they will be issued a new beginning authorization date effective the day that they meet the reauthorization requirements.
- C. Individuals applying for reauthorization, whose authorization has lapsed, shall be eligible for reauthorization upon submission of documents indicating:
 1. For a lapse of less than one (1) year:
Completion of all of the above requirements, plus a prorated amount of continuing education based on the number of months since the last authorization, not to exceed a total of 36 hours.
 2. For a lapse of one (1) to two (2) years: MOUNTAIN-VALLEY EMS AGENCY
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 - a. Completion of all of the above, including the prorated amount of continuing education and;
 - b. Successful evaluation by an authorized MICN or Base Hospital physician of ten (10) ALS radio calls.
 3. For a lapse of more than (2) years:
 - a. Completion of all the above and any additional training or evaluation required by the Agency Medical Director