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## POLICY MEMORANDUM 3500

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**SUBJECT: ROLES AND AUTHORIZATION/REAUTHORIZATION  
REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSES (MICN)**

### AUTHORITY:

California Health & Safety (HS) Code Division 2.5, Chapter 2, Section 1797.56

### PURPOSE/POLICY:

Outline the roles, responsibilities, and the process for authorization/reauthorization/reciprocity of the MICN that is employed by a Solano County Medical Institution.

### I. INITIAL AUTHORIZATION

- A. To be authorized as a MICN the following must be completed and/or submitted to the Solano County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency:
1. Copy of a valid and current California Registered Nurse (RN) license;
  2. Copy of a valid and current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) card adhering to the standards of the American Heart Association (AHA);

3. Copy of previous authorization (or certification) as a MICN (or Authorized Registered Nurse) by another California Local EMS Agency (LEMSA); **OR**
    - a. Evidence of 12 months critical care experience as a RN, at least six months of which must be within the Emergency Department (ED) of an acute care hospital; **AND**
    - b. Evidence of successful completion of a Basic MICN Course approved by the Solano County EMS Agency Medical Director.
  4. Documentation of an ALS emergency ambulance ride-a-long in Solano County. This ride-a-long requirement shall consist of direct observation of at least four patient contacts during which EMS staff assesses the patient.
  5. On-line Application Form;
  6. Payment of initial MICN Authorization fee as outlined in Policy 3000, EMS Fees. (Fee may be paid by employer);
  7. Proof of employment (or intent to employ upon authorization) with a Solano County Hospital;
  8. Attend EMS system orientation session conducted by the Solano County EMS Agency. (Refer to Solano County EMS Policy 3600);
  9. Documentation of ten radio calls precepted and audited by the Base Hospital Liaison or his/her designee. These calls may be simulated;
  10. Photograph taken at local EMS Office.
- B. Upon successful completion of items 1 – 10 as listed above, the Solano County EMS Agency will authorize the applicant as a MICN for a period that will run contiguous with their California State RN license. Such authorization shall be contingent upon the applicant's employment as a MICN within a Solano County Hospital.
- C. Candidates failing to successfully complete the authorization process within 12 months of their course completion date must repeat the certification process.

## II. REAUTHORIZATION

Only candidates who are currently authorized in Solano County are eligible for reauthorization. All reauthorization candidates shall complete and/or submit the following to the EMS Agency:

- A. On-line application.
- B. Copy of a valid and current California RN license.
- C. Copy of a valid and current ACLS card adhering to the standards of the AHA.
- D. Proof of having obtained a minimum of 12 hours of CEs, relating specifically to prehospital care. ACLS or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) may be used for a maximum of six hours CE for reauthorization. Four hours of ride-a-long time on an ALS ambulance may also be used for this CE requirement.

- E. An ALS emergency ambulance ride-a-long in Solano County. This ride-a-long requirement shall consist of direct observation of at least four patient contacts during which the patient is assessed.
- F. Upon fulfillment of items II(A) – (E) as shown above, the EMS Agency will reauthorize the candidate as a MICN running concurrent with the MICN's California State RN license.
- G. All reauthorization documentation is due 30 days prior to expiration of the current authorization. If reauthorization documentation is submitted within 30 days of expiration, a late fee will be assessed in accordance with Solano County EMS Policy 3000. (Reauthorization will not be processed until the late fee is received).
- H. MICNs who have let their MICN authorization lapse may have their authorization reinstated within 60 days of expiration. The MICN must submit all required documentation, a late fee, and a reinstatement fee in accordance with Solano County EMS Policy 3000. (Reinstatement will not be processed until the late fee and the reinstatement fee is received).
- I. MICNs who have let their MICN authorization lapse greater than 60 days shall begin the MICN authorization process as an initial applicant and pay the initial authorization fee.

### **III. THE ROLE OF AN AUTHORIZED MICN IN SOLANO COUNTY IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- A. Utilizes the ReddiNet system to assess available countywide hospital resources to determine patient distribution to specific hospitals during a Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) situation.
- B. Assists field EMS crews with appropriate trauma patient destination consistent with Solano County EMS Policy 6105, Prehospital Trauma Triage Plan.
- C. Operates radio equipment.
- D. Communicates instructions and information with prehospital field crews, utilizing Solano County EMS Policy and Protocols.
- E. Initiates Field Advisory Reports when applicable. (Refer to Solano County EMS Policy 2305).
- F. Consistently provides written feedback, of both a positive and negative nature, regarding prehospital care to the EMS Liaison.
- G. Is familiar with the Solano County Disaster Plan, Policy 6105, Prehospital Trauma Triage Plan, and Policy 6180, EMS Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).
- H. Attends EMS meetings as well as other multi-disciplinary reviews of prehospital care.

### **IV. DENIAL, SUSPENSION, PROBATION, OR REVOCATION OF MICN AUTHORIZATION**

A MICN who has not completed the reauthorization process prior to the expiration of their current authorization is not permitted to act in the capacity of a MICN and shall not provide field guidance to ALS service providers and must complete all requirements of this policy prior to being authorized to act as a MICN.

- A. The EMS Agency Medical Director may, for good cause, deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation any MICN authorization. The administrative procedure for any disciplinary actions will be the same used for Emergency Medical Technicians as defined in Solano County EMS Policy 3820.
- B. Any action taken against a MICN authorization is independent of any notification made to the California Board of Registered Nursing for investigation and/or licensure action. However, the EMS Liaison will immediately be notified of all inquiries, complaints, and/or investigations.

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