

**TITLE: PREHOSPITAL PERSONNEL: LICENSE, ACCREDITATION, CERTIFICATION, AND AUTHORIZATION REVIEW PROCESS** EMS Policy No. 2700

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide an overview of the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency's process for license, accreditation, authorization, and certification disciplinary review.

**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220

**DEFINITIONS:**

- A. "EMS Agency" means the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Certificate" means any one of the following:
  - a. Any valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - b. Any valid advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) certificate issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - c. Any valid Emergency Medical Technician-II (EMT-II) certificate issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - d. Any valid Paramedic license issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5;
  - e. Any valid Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Division 2.5.
  - f. Any valid Emergency Medical Responder certificate issued by the San Joaquin County EMS agency.

**POLICY:**

- I. The Medical Director of the EMS Agency may take disciplinary action against a certificate holder for which any of the following are true:
  - A. The certificate was issued by the San Joaquin County EMS Agency;
  - B. The certificate holder utilizes or has utilized the certificate or skills authorized by the certificate in San Joaquin County.
- II. EMT and Advanced EMT disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 1798.200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6.
- III. Paramedic licensure actions (e.g. immediate suspension) shall be performed according to the provisions of Health and Safety Code 1798.202.
- IV. Notification to the EMS Authority shall be made in the manner prescribed by the EMS Authority. If the final action is a recommendation to the EMS Authority for disciplinary action of an Paramedic license, a summary explaining the actions of

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the Paramedic that pose a threat to the public health and safety pursuant to Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code and all documentary evidence relative to the recommendation shall be forwarded to the EMS Authority.

- V. EMR, EMD, certifications, paramedic accreditations, and MICN Authorizations holders may request and IRP in accordance with EMS Policy No. 2740, Investigative Review Panel to review negative actions.
- VI. An application for certification/accreditation/authorization or recertification/reaccreditation/reauthorization shall be denied and does not require an IRP or an administrative hearing if an applicant fails to meet the requirements for certification/accreditation/authorization or recertification/reaccreditation/reauthorization.

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