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ALS or LALS EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER AUTHORIZATION

I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, sections 1797.52, 1797.78, 1797.84, 1797.178, 1797.206, 1797.218, 1797.220, and Title 22, California Code of Regulations, sections 100167 and 100144.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)" means a California certified EMT with additional training in limited advanced life support (LALS) according to the standards prescribed by Chapter 3 of the Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9.
- B. "Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Responder Agency" means an Emergency Medical Responder Agency which provides Paramedic personnel with ALS equipment to respond to medical emergencies with the capabilities to provide immediate Advanced Life Support medical care prior to arrival of an ambulance.
- C. "Completed Application" means an application that has met all the requirements outlined in State of California Regulations and EMS Agency Policies and Procedures as determined by the EMS Agency.
- D. "EMS Agency" means the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.
- E. "Limited Advanced Life Support (LALS) Emergency Medical Responder Agency" means an Emergency Medical Responder Agency which provides Advanced EMT personnel with LALS equipment to respond to medical emergencies with the capabilities to provide immediate LALS medical care prior to arrival of an ambulance.
- F. "Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic" or "EMT-P" or "Paramedic" or "Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic" means an individual who is educated and trained in all elements of prehospital advanced life support, who is licensed by the State of California as a Paramedic and accredited by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

III. PURPOSE

To establish standards and procedures for the authorization of Emergency Medical Responder Agencies to provide ALS or LALS services within the member counties of the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.

IV. POLICY

A. Any Emergency Medical Responder Agency wishing to provide ALS or LALS services within their response area must submit an application to the EMS Agency which addresses all of the following requirements:

1. The need and purpose of providing ALS or LALS services.
2. Plan to respond to emergency medical requests with a minimum staffing level of one person who shall be at a minimum a Paramedic or AEMT, and at least one person that is certified as an EMT in the State of California, and who has also been oriented to working as an assistant to a Paramedic or AEMT. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of volunteer response to meet this requirement.
3. Projected response times.
4. The geographic area to be served.
5. A detailed description of the method of dispatch of ALS or LALS resources.
6. Coordination with ALS ground ambulance companies.
7. Quality Improvement program which meets the requirements of EMS Agency Policy 620.10 – Quality Improvement.
8. Plan for submission of data in compliance with EMS Agency Policy 620.30 – Provider Agency Data Requirements.
9. Plan for compliance with EMS Agency Policy 439.00 – Controlled Substances.
10. Description of telecommunications equipment which will allow communication via radio to an authorized base hospital.
11. Process to maintain an inventory as required by EMS Agency Policy 409.00 –First Responder Non-Transporting Unit Equipment and Medical Supply Inventory.
12. The scheduled level of response (24/7/365) or less than 24hrs/day:
 - a. On a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis or;
 - b. On a less than continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis, for the provision of specialty care services such as:
 - 1) Law Enforcement Special Weapons and Tactical Squad Services; or
 - 2) Snow Ski Patrol Services; or
 - 3) County-approved Search and Rescue Services; or
 - 4) County-approved Hazardous Materials Services; or
 - 5) Public Boat Patrol Services; or
 - 6) Public Lifeguard Provider Services; or
 - 7) Otherwise specified by the EMS Agency

13. Plan to designate a provider liaison and training officer as the authorized contact person for the EMS Agency for provider-based quality improvement and training.
14. Provide a statement of agreement to comply with all applicable State of California Regulations and EMS Agency Policies and Procedures.
15. Plan for medical control and oversight.
16. The method of ensuring skill retention of ALS or LALS personnel.
17. Describe the method that will be utilized to finance the ALS or LALS service, including any proposed fees and method of fee collection.

B. The EMS Agency shall:

1. Review application for compliance with State of California Regulations and EMS Agency Policies and Procedures.
2. Upon determination that the applicant has submitted a Completed Application, develop an agreement with the ALS or LALS Emergency Medical Responder Agency.

V. Procedure

- A. Emergency Medical Responder Agencies that wish to provide ALS or LALS First Response services shall submit an application as provided by the EMS Agency.
- B. The EMS Agency, upon receipt of an application, shall within fourteen (14) days:
 1. Review the application to determine if the Emergency Medical Responder Agency meets all requirements as outlined in the State of California Regulations and EMS Agency Policies and Procedures.
 2. Provide written documentation to the applicant of their compliance with requirements.
- C. In order to be granted a contract to provide ALS or LALS services, the applicant shall, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the EMS Agency's response to their application, submit any items detailed in the Agency response.
- D. Upon acceptance of a Completed Application, the EMS Agency shall develop an agreement for signature by the Emergency Medical Responder Agency to provide ALS or LALS services.
- E. If applicant does not submit a Completed Application within ninety (90) days of the EMS Agency's initial response to their application, their application will be denied.