

2007 Flight Paramedic

I. LOCAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Any individual practicing as a flight paramedic under the medical control of the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) must be accredited by the LEMSA
- B. LEMSA flight paramedics accredited per the provisions of this policy are permitted to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) as directed by the relevant Local EMS Agency policy, procedures and guidelines while on duty with an approved air ambulance provider agency authorized by the LEMSA.
- C. Flight paramedics practicing on duty with an ALS first response (non-transport), ground ambulance provider agency or ALS Air Rescue agency must comply with the LEMSA policy, "Paramedic Accreditation."
- D. The following requirements must be met to obtain accreditation as a flight paramedic:
 - 1. Complete the LEMSA electronic application form including the statement that the individual is not precluded from accreditation for reasons defined by California Code of Regulations.
 - 2. Pay the LEMSA flight paramedic accreditation fee, which is non-refundable.
 - 3. Successfully complete an orientation to the response area served including:
 - a. Base Hospital/medical control orientation.
 - b. EMS communications/dispatch orientation.
 - c. LEMSA's policy and procedures.

II. LOCAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- A. Upon satisfactory completion of items 1-2 as outlined in Section I (D) above, LEMSA shall issue an interim flight paramedic authorization, which shall be valid for not more than ninety (90) days.
- B. Flight Paramedics holding an interim flight paramedic authorization may be released to independent duty upon completion of item 3 as outlined in Section I (D) above, and when deemed competent to practice independently by the air ambulance provider agency.
- C. Upon submission of proof of completion of item 3 as outlined in Section I (D) above, the LEMSA will issue a flight paramedic accreditation with a renewal date concurrent with the applicant's California paramedic license.
- D. Applicants must complete the accreditation application and air ambulance provider agency response area orientation process outlined above within ninety (90) calendar days of the initial date of application. Applicants not completing the process within ninety (90) days of initial application shall be required to complete a new application, including non-refundable application fee.
- E. Failure to complete the local accreditation requirements shall result in suspension or revocation of accreditation to practice as a flight paramedic.

III. MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION

- A. Maintaining valid accreditation as a flight paramedic shall be contingent upon maintenance of current, valid California paramedic licensure, employment with a LEMSA-approved air ambulance provider agency and timely submission of renewal documentation including a complete LEMSA application form thirty (30) calendar days prior to the renewal date of the accreditation.
- B. Paramedics failing to maintain the requirements specified above shall be required to complete a new application, including non-refundable application fee.
- C. Individuals functioning as a flight paramedic without current valid accreditation will be reported as functioning outside of medical control to the California EMS Authority and may be subject to criminal and civil penalties.

Effective Date: