NOR-CAL EMS	2452	Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) Initial /Reaccreditation
Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual		Certifications
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Purpose:

To define the requirements for an individual applying for initial accreditation and reaccreditation as a Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) in the Nor-Cal EMS Region.

Policy:

1) All Critical Care Paramedics (CCP) employed by a Nor-Cal EMS ALS provider are required to obtain accreditation in the Nor-Cal Region.
2) All CCPs are required to remain affiliated with an approved Nor-Cal EMS ALS provider to maintain accreditation.
3) CCP's must hold a current certification as a Critical Care Paramedic by the Board of Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) and have a valid paramedic license issued pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4.
4) Application Processing:
   a) A completed application and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to Nor-Cal EMS using the online platform.
   b) Nor-Cal EMS will normally process applications within ten (10) days once all documents have been uploaded into the applicant's online account. Once completed, the certification or accreditation will be available in your account on the online platform.

Procedure:

1) Applicants must submit their application prior to beginning employment as a CCP.
   a) CCP's are only allowed to practice the CCP scope within the approving LEMSA and are not recognized statewide.
2) The following criteria is mandatory to be met prior to obtaining a CCP credential.
   a) Possess a California Paramedic license for three (3) years
   b) Submit a completed Critical Care Paramedic Application using the online platform through Nor-Cal EMS.
   c) Payment of the established fees. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
   d) Submit a copy of a current healthcare provider CPR card and current California Paramedic license.
   e) Submit copy of certification from BCCTPC (as noted above).
   f) Submit a copy of a valid picture ID (Driver's license, ID Card, Passport or valid military ID).
   g) Once application is received by Nor-Cal EMS, the applicant may start local orientation and training.
   h) Temporary accreditation will be issued for forty-five (45) days to complete all necessary training and requirements.

Orientation:

1) Orientation and initial training requirements for Nor-Cal EMS are listed in the Initial Paramedic Accreditation Form Policy 2402 and CCP Skills Competency Verification Policy 2456.
2) CCP applicants must complete a Nor-Cal EMS Orientation consisting of policies and procedures, treatment protocols, radio communications, hospital/facility destination policies, and other unique system features.

Critical Care Paramedic Accreditation Renewal:

1) CCP accreditation must be renewed every four (4) years.
2) CCP's must submit the following every four (4) years:
   a) Completed Nor-Cal EMS Critical Care Paramedic Reaccreditation Application using the online platform.
   b) Copy of current and valid California Paramedic license.
   c) Copy of current and valid picture ID (Driver's license, ID Card, Passport or valid military ID).
   d) Completed CCP Skills Competency Verification Form Policy 2456.
   e) Documented attendance of at least six (6) hours of Field Care Audits/Run Reviews.
   f) Healthcare Provider CPR Card.
   g) PALS or PEPP Certification Card.
   h) ACLS Certification Card.
   i) Minimum of First Responder Awareness level certification for Hazardous Materials.

Lapse in Accreditation:

1) If accreditation is lapsed for less than twelve (12) months, a fee for reaccreditation will be assessed.
2) If accreditation is lapsed greater than twelve (12) months, the applicant must follow initial accreditation steps with the required fees, orientation, and testing, if applicable.