



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

Policy Subject Matter: **Paramedic Accreditations**
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I. Policy:

The JPA and its member agencies may provide an accreditation program.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to define the process for providing paramedic accreditation program services that are in full compliance with all state and local (El Dorado County) laws, rules, and regulations. In addition, this policy outlines the procedures to be followed for paramedic field training officer (FTO) stipend reimbursements.

III. Procedure:

Field Accreditation:

- A. A JPA member agency may operate an accreditation program when the following conditions are met:
 1. Only current, State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority (State EMSA) licensed paramedics will be accepted into the paramedic accreditation program.
 2. Accreditations will be arranged through the JPA administrative office in coordination with the sponsoring/provider fire districts.
 3. Only qualified, licensed and accredited firefighter/paramedics will be used in the capacity of a paramedic field training officer (FTO) preceptor.
 4. The sponsoring/provider fire districts will be responsible to ensure the paramedic student has completed all application requirements with the El Dorado County (EDC) Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) prior to the start of the accreditation program. Accreditation requirements can be found on the EDC EMSA web site and in a policy titled: Paramedic Accreditation Instructions.
 5. Performance evaluations shall be completed by the FTO utilizing EDC EMSA approved evaluation forms and criteria.
 6. The agency providing the accreditation training/evaluation shall be responsible for promptly reporting to EDC EMSA and the JPA Executive Director any difficulties that are encountered during field accreditation.

- B. A paramedic in the accreditation program shall only perform those skills and procedures included in the State Scope of practice and the El Dorado County optional skills scope of practice.

- C. The FTO preceptors shall be responsible for all patient care performed by a student paramedic under his/her supervision and to ensure compliance with all applicable policies and protocols.
- D. Accreditation requirements may be met during a field internship that is successfully completed within El Dorado County.
- E. The JPA will reimburse a JPA member agency in the amount of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for an FTO stipend when the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The paramedic student is currently working for a JPA member agency
 - 2. The paramedic student has completed the field accreditation program
- F. FTO stipend reimbursement procedures are as follows:
 - 1. The JPA member agency invoices the JPA with the following information:
 - a. FTO name and rank
 - b. Paramedic student name and rank
 - c. Start and finish dates for the accreditation program.
- G. A JPA member agency may require the paramedic student to pay the two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollar FTO stipend directly to the agency when the paramedic student is not employed by a JPA member agency.