
CREDENTIAL REVIEW PROCESS (#3204)

Authority:

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6 (<http://www.emsa.cahwnet.gov/Legislation/reg6.pdf>); Division 2.5, Health & Safety Code, Chapter 7, §1798.200 (http://www.emsa.cahwnet.gov/Legislation/division_25.pdf), and Alameda County EMS Policy 3200.

1. Any proceedings by the EMS Agency to deny, suspend or revoke an EMT certificate or place any EMT-1 certificate holder on probation pursuant to the Health and Safety Code shall be conducted in accordance with Title 22.
2. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT-1)** – The medical director of the local EMS agency may, in accordance with Title 22 may deny, suspend or revoke any EMT-1 certificate issued, or may place any EMT-1 certificate holder on probation, upon the finding of the occurrence of any of the actions listed in §1798.200(c).
3. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - PARAMEDIC (EMT-P)** - The medical director of the local EMS agency may, in accordance with Title 22 institute the following against an EMT-P licensee employed in Alameda County:
 - 3.1 **Referral to State EMS Authority** - potential negative action against an EMT-P license, with or without a temporary suspension, may be instituted by the EMS Medical Director based upon the finding of an imminent threat to the public health and safety as evidenced by the occurrence of any of the actions listed in §1798.200(c).
 - 3.2 **Temporary Suspension of an EMT-P license and/or local accreditation**
4. **HOSPITAL OR PROVIDER AGENCY REPORTING OF INCIDENTS** - Any incident involving EMS personnel, which may constitute a threat to the public health and safety, should be reported to the County EMS Agency. A report to the EMS Agency should be made no later than the next business day following the incident or discovery of the incident. If this report is made by telephone, a written report on an Unusual Occurrence Form should be submitted within 72 hours.
 - 4.1. Grounds for reporting include reasonable suspicion of:
 - ✓ Functioning outside the scope of practice of the held certificate/authorization.
 - ✓ Functioning independent of medical control as described in County policies, procedures and field treatment guidelines.
 - ✓ Gross negligence.
 - ✓ Repeated negligent acts.
 - ✓ Incompetence.
 - ✓ The commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of prehospital personnel.
 - ✓ Violating or attempting to violate directly or indirectly, any provision of the Health and Safety Code or of State regulations pertaining to prehospital personnel.
 - ✓ Violating or attempting to violate any federal or state statute or regulation that regulates narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances.
 - ✓ Addiction to, the excessive use of, or the misuse of, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances.
 - 4.2 If immediate action must be taken by the EMS Agency after normal business hours to protect the public health and safety, the on-call EMS staff may be contacted through ALCO-CMED at (925) 422-7595.