
PARAMEDIC LOCAL ACCREDITATION (#3302)

LICENSURE: The California EMS Authority issues paramedic licenses. State regulations (Title 22, Chapter 4) specify certain requirements for maintaining licensure. These may be obtained from the State EMS Authority at (916) 322-4336 or www.emsa.cahwnet.gov.

LOCAL ACCREDITATION

1. "Local Accreditation" means authorization by the local EMS Medical Director to practice paramedic skills within Alameda County. Local accreditation includes:
 - 1.1 Orientation to the local EMS system (including policies and procedures).
 - 1.2 Training in the use of additional skills and/or medications (local optional scope of practice).
2. Initial accreditation to practice as a paramedic in Alameda County shall be granted upon successful completion of the following:
 - 2.1 Provide evidence of a valid California Paramedic License.
 - 2.2 Attend the Alameda County EMS system orientation (offered monthly).
 - 2.3 Provide documentation of training and competency in the local optional and expanded scope of practice (see policy #7001).
 - 2.4 Complete an accreditation application (may be downloaded off the EMS website).
 - 2.5 Pay the accreditation fee (see "Schedule of Fees" in section 1000).
 - 2.6 Provide proof of employment with an approved Paramedic provider agency.
 - 2.7 Accreditation shall be granted upon successful completion of 2.1 - 2.6 above within 30 days from the date the accreditation application is received. A candidate failing to do so must reapply.
3. **Continuous Accreditation** - Once issued, accreditation shall be continuous as long as the following are met:
 - 3.1 Maintain California Paramedic License.
 - 3.2 Meet local requirements for updates in local policy, procedure, protocol and local optional scope of practice, and comply with the requirements in the system-wide Quality Improvement program (policy # 2000).
 - 3.3 If any of the above requirements are not met or maintained, accreditation to practice shall be withdrawn until successful completion of the requirement(s).
 - 3.4 A Paramedic whose accreditation has been withdrawn for more than one year shall be required to re-apply for initial accreditation.