

	COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY	Document #	4201.17
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Purpose:

- A. To establish the requirements for an individual to be recertified as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) in Sacramento County.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- C. Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Resolution #2013-0478

Policy:

- A. Only MICNs who are currently certified in Sacramento County are eligible for recertification.
- B. MICNs and/or their relatives are not permitted to sign any documentation of proof attesting to the skills, training or education for that candidate. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure impartiality and avoid potential conflicts of interest in any documentation.

Any falsification of documentation is grounds for losing certification for a period of at least twelve (12) months.

- C. All recertification MICNs will meet the following requirements and provide documentation to Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA):
 1. Apply online at <https://actonline.saccounty.net> Applications/recertification may be completed six (6) months prior to certification expiration. Applications received less than thirty (30) days prior to certification expiration shall be assessed a late fee.
 2. Provide a copy of a valid and current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California.
 3. Provide a copy of a valid and current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) card, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) card according to the standards of the American Heart Association.
 4. Provide proof of having obtained twelve (12) hours of continuing education approved by the local EMS Agency as follows:
 - a. Obtain a minimum of eight (8) hours instructor based credit of prehospital focused education. Prehospital focused education may be fulfilled by the following means:
 - 1) Run reviews or prehospital focused education courses.
 - b. Provide proof of completion of a ground-based SCEMSA designated Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency response vehicle observation experience operating within the 911 system or equivalent.
 1. Must consist of at least four (4) hours of direct observation hours.
 2. Must include at least two (2) patient contacts in which the patient is assessed.

- If two (2) patient contacts are not completed, two (2) ALS scenarios will be conducted by the Paramedic within the four (4) hour observation period.
5. Provide a government issued Photo ID for identification purposes.
 6. Upload a passport type (2x2) photo of yourself or come in to SCEMSA during counter hours, and staff will take your photo for the SCEMSA Certification card.
 7. Pay all applicable fees as established by SCEMSA.
- D. Upon successful completion of A-C above, the current base hospital employer will receive an automated email for verification of both employment and experience* within a SCEMSA base hospital. Once verified, SCEMSA shall certify the candidate as a base hospital MICN for a period of two (2) years from the last day of the month in which all the certification requirements are met.
- E. **For a lapse of MICN** certification from one (1) day to twelve (12) months: Provide proof of completion of the following:
1. All required documents per Protocol C 1-9 above and;
 - a. Provide proof of completing an additional 1.0 prehospital continuing education hours for each month of lapsed status rounded up to nearest month.
 2. Upon fulfillment the above, the current base hospital employer will receive an automated email for employment verification. Once the current base hospital employer verifies employment, SCEMSA shall recertify the candidate as an MICN for a period of two (2) years from the expiration date on the candidate's current certification card.
- F. **For a Lapse of MICN** certification \geq twelve (12) months, all the initial authorization requirements must be met.
- G. On the first Monday of every month, SCEMSA sends out an Employee to Employer report. The Base Hospital emergency department prehospital coordinator, or their designee, are responsible for notifying SCEMSA that the report is accurate and if termination/separation of an MICN has occurred within ten (10) calendar days of the report.
- H. Allowance for Active Duty Personnel:
1. Members of the reserves deployed for active duty during the time when their MICN certification expires may be given an extension of the expiration date for up to six (6) months from the date of their deactivation or release from active duty.
 2. Documentation shall be provided to verify the individual's date of activation and deactivation or release from active duty.
- I. Transfer of a SCEMSA MICN certification is permissible from one (1) base hospital to another if the following are met:
1. Current certification as an MICN.
 2. Within ninety (90) days from when employment ceased.
- J. SCEMSA will work, on an individual basis, with the base hospital EMS coordinator for requirements regarding authorized leave of absences.

NOTE: Certification applications that are not completed after one (1) year shall be considered abandoned and shall be discarded.

*Defined as, six (6) months as a registered nurse in a base hospital emergency department.