

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



Program Document: **Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN):
Recertification**

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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:

MICNs and/or their relatives are not permitted to sign any documentation of proof attesting to the skills, training, or education of 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.**

All candidates will meet the following certification requirements:

- A. Only MICNs who are currently certified in Sacramento County are eligible for recertification.
- B. All recertification MICNs will meet the following requirements and provide documentation to Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA):
 - 1. Apply online at [Sacramento County EMS eLicensing Portal](#).
Applications/recertification may be completed six (6) months before

certification expiration. Applications received less than thirty (30) days before certification expiration shall be assessed a late fee.

2. Provide a copy of 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 a minimum of 12 hours of CEs, relating to prehospital care. ACLS or PALS may be used for a maximum of six (6) hours CE for reauthorization. Four (4) hours of ride-a-long time on an ALS ambulance may also be used for this CE requirement.
 - a. The ALS ride-along requirement shall consist of direct observation with at least two (2) patient contacts during which the patient is assessed with a SCEMSA-designated Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency response vehicle operating within the 9-1-1 system or equivalent.
 - i) 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 into SCEMSA during counter hours, and staff will take your photo for the SCEMSA Certification card.
 7. Pay all non-refundable/non-transferable fees established by SCEMSA.
- C. Upon successful completion of A-B (1-7) above, the current base hospital employer will receive an automated email notification to login to the [Sacramento County EMS eLicensing Portal](#). 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.
- D. 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 1-7 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.
- E. For a Lapse of MICN certification $\geq$ twelve (12) months, all the initial authorization requirements must be met.
- F. On the first Monday of every month, SCEMSA sends out a [Separation from Provider/Roster update reminder](#). The Base Hospital emergency department prehospital coordinator, or their designee, are responsible for ensuring the roster is accurate and if termination/separation of a MICN has occurred within ten (10) calendar days using the [Separation from Provider form](#) on the [Sacramento county EMS eLicensing Application Portal](#).
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. SCEMSA will work, on an individual basis, with the base hospital EMS coordinator for requirements regarding authorized leave of absence.

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.