

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



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

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Purpose:

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and requirements for hospitals to develop and implement a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) course. This course is essential for certifying nursing staff to provide advanced pre-hospital care and coordinate with emergency medical services (EMS).

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. Any Hospital that utilizes MICNs must establish a MICN course that meets the standards outlined in this policy. The course must be approved by the Sacramento County EMS Agency (SCEMSA) and ensure that participants are adequately trained to perform MICN duties.
- B. Course Requirements:
 - 1. Curriculum:
 - a. The MICN course curriculum must cover the following core areas:
 - i) EMS Overview
 - ii) EMS Legal Matters
 - iii) EMS/MICN Communications
 - iv) Patient Destination
 - v) Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT)
 - vi) MCI's
 - vii) SCEMSA Treatment Policies

- viii) Base Hospital Consults
- 2. Course Duration:
 - a. The course must include a minimum of:
 - i) Didactic Instruction: minimum of 16 hours **THEN**
 - ii) Practical Training/Shadowing: minimum of 8 hours
 - ~~(a) All calls / questions answered by MICN shall be given by a licensed MICN~~
 - (b) All calls and patient care decisions during practical training/shadowing shall be given by a licensed MICN
 - iii) EMS ride-a-long
 - (a) Minimum of 8 hours
 - (b) Minimum of 2 patient contacts during ride-a-long
- 3. Instructors:
 - a. Course instructors must be:
 - i) Licensed healthcare professionals with experience in emergency care
 - ii) Certified MICNs or equivalent professionals with expertise in EMS coordination
 - iii) Approved by the hospital's education department and SCEMSA
- 4. Assessment:
 - a. Participants must undergo a comprehensive assessment, which includes:
 - i) Written examinations covering theoretical knowledge
 - ii) Practical assessments, including simulation-based evaluations
 - iii) Performance reviews during hands-on training sessions
- 5. Certification:
 - a. Upon successful completion of the course and assessments, participants will receive a MICN certification. The certification must be renewed every two years through SCEMSA continuing education and competency assessments.
- C. Quality Assurance
 - 1. Course Evaluation:
 - a. Hospitals must regularly evaluate the MICN course to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with current standards. Evaluations should include:
 - i) Participant feedback
 - ii) Performance metrics of certified MICNs
 - iii) Review of course content and instructional methods

2. Continuous Improvement

- a. Based on course evaluations, hospitals must implement improvements to the MICN course. This may include updating curriculum content, enhancing training methods, and incorporating new medical guidelines and technologies.

D. Compliance and Accountability

1. Regulatory Compliance

- a. Hospitals must ensure that the MICN course complies with all relevant local, state, and federal regulations. This includes obtaining necessary approvals and maintaining records of compliance.

2. Accountability

- a. The hospital's education department is responsible for the implementation, oversight, and continuous improvement of the MICN course. The department must ensure that all instructors and participants adhere to this policy.

3. Documentation and Records

- a. Hospitals must maintain comprehensive records of the MICN course, including:
 - i) Participant enrollment and attendance
 - ii) Assessment results
 - iii) Certification status
 - iv) Course evaluations and improvement plans

4. Course and Exam:

- a. After completing the course, MICN students must take the SCEMSA approved exam with a passing grade of 80%.
- b. Students are permitted to take the exam twice – the second exam will be conducted at the SCEMSA office.
 - i) If they do not pass on the second attempt, they must retake the entire course.
 - ii) Should they fail the exam two additional times after retaking the course, they will be ineligible to retake the course or the exam for a period of one year.

Cross Reference:

PD# 4200 – MICN Certification

PD# 4201 – MCIN Recertification