

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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I. POLICY

Base Hospital Physicians shall be certified to answer the EMS radio and give instructions regarding prehospital care to Mobile Intensive Care Nurses, Paramedics and EMTs. Each Base Hospital must have at least one certified Base Hospital Physician on duty at all times to provide prehospital on-line medical control.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The physician must be currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of California.
- B. The physician must be a practicing emergency physician in a Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County Base Hospital Emergency Department.
- C. The physician must provide proof of current Advanced Cardiac Life Support provider certification, and document satisfactory completion of an Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS may be completed no later than one (1) year after initial certification).

NOTE: Board eligible in emergency medicine may be substituted for these requirements.

- D. The physician must complete an approved Base Hospital Physician's Course prior to or within one (year) of beginning emergency medicine practice at a Base Hospital.

NOTE: This only applies for Community Regional Medical Center residents.

- E. The physician shall pass the Central California EMS Agency Base Hospital Physician written examination.
- F. The physician shall successfully demonstrate communications skills proficiency by having their first ten (10) calls precepted by a locally certified MICN or Base Hospital Physician. The Base Hospital Medical Director shall review documentation of the ten calls and submit a letter of recommendation for certification to the Central California EMS Agency

NOTE: This only applies for Community Regional Medical Center residents

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- G. The physician must document a minimum of eight (8) hours as a field observer on an ALS Unit prior to, or within the first three (3) months, of emergency medicine practice as a Base Hospital Physician.

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- H. The physician shall receive a valid certification card from the local EMS Agency Medical Director before he/she may give direction to Mobile Intensive Care Nurses, Paramedics, or EMTs.
- I. This certificate shall be granted for no longer than three (3) years; to recertify, the physician must complete the recertification process (refer Policy #153).
- J. Request for exception to policy shall be made in writing to the Central California EMS Agency.