# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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#### I. POLICY

A currently certified EMS Dispatcher may be recertified provided that person completes the following requirements.

#### II. PROCEDURE

- A. The EMS Dispatcher will recertify their certification as an EMS Dispatcher every two years. In order for successful recertification, the EMS Dispatcher must meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Successful completion of the EMS Agency Dispatch Accreditation exam every two years.
  - 2. Current Certification in Medical Priority Dispatch and other certifications as required by individual agreements (i.e., Emergency Fire Dispatch)
  - 4. Shall have current employment with an approved ambulance dispatch center in the Central California EMS region.
  - 5. Shall maintain certification in Basic Life Support or CPR Certification.
  - 6. Provide evidence of 24 hours of continuing education
  - 7. Successful completion of a Live Scan background check. If the applicant has already completed a Live Scan background check for the CCEMSA and it is on file with the CCEMSA, then a Live Scan background check is not required for recertification. Live Scan forms must be obtained from the CCEMSA or the CCEMSA website in order for Live Scan processing.

### B. Lapse of Certification

EMS Dispatch recertification may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- 1. Lapse of certification greater than 6 months and less than two years will require the applicant to complete the all of the following:
  - a. Complete an orientation session on local protocols, policies and procedures, and other instruction as deemed necessary by the EMS Agency; and

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- b. Evaluation by an approved dispatch preceptor on ten (10) dispatch calls where pre-arrival instructions are used; and
- 2. Lapse of Certification greater than two years will require the applicant to complete an entire dispatch course. In accordance with EMS Policy #162.