



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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Policies and Procedure Updates and Mandatory Training

The entire Policy and Procedure Manual for San Luis Obispo County EMS has been reviewed, reformatted and revised. The attached matrix provides an overview of the additions and changes. The revised policies and procedures will go into effect on April 15th, 2017.

Multiple training modules, each with a post review exam, have been developed for your use. Each agency/facility shall be responsible for ensuring their applicable staff have reviewed the changes, and shall have documentation that their staff has completed the policy review exam with a passing grade of 80%. Documentation, provided to EMSA, that an EMT, Paramedic, or MICN has completed the training module before April 15th, 2017 is required to ensure ongoing provider knowledge, skill, and compliance with the new policies and procedures. Completion of this update material is **MANDATORY** to continue working in the individual's roll (EMT, Paramedic, MICN) in the County of San Luis Obispo. **Please ensure that the review and exam are completed prior to the implementation date of April 15, 2017.**

Highlights

- New Format– all policies were reformatted to meet County policy format
- BLS and ALS treatment polices were merged and include both adult and pediatric treatments.
- Renumbering of treatment protocols and procedures occurred with merging
- While many policies and protocols remained unchanged in their content, there WERE significant changes made to ALS and BLS policies, new procedures added, and operational changes
- The key changes are reviewed in the training modules, full text of all the policies will be available for training at www.sloemsa.org, and will be updated in the SLO EMS app prior to the April 15th implementation date

Continuing Education Credits and Base Station Meeting Credits are available for each of the assigned training modules. Which module(s) an individual is required to complete depends on the individual's role and responsibilities in our county (see grid below).

- Strategies and methods to distribute and ensure training of all applicable staff are:
 - a. Provider agencies/facilities may upload the training modules and post review exam to Target Solutions, or like training software, track staff completion, and issue CEUs in accordance with the grid below. Roster of staff having completed training must be provided to EMSA before April 15th 2017.
 - b. Training modules are available at www.sloemsa.org, and the post review questionnaire will be provided to individual agency's training officials so that they may administrate and document their staff's completion.
 - c. EMSA may be contacted for alternatives if neither option above is conducive to a staff member completing the mandatory training before April 15th 2017.
- Each agency/facility must submit a roster (sample roster for use or reference is attached) of the applicable staff that has completed the training before April 15th, 2017. EMSA will provide CEUs, as requested, for any individual agency that is not a CEU provider. Base Station Credits will be applied by EMSA upon evidence of completion of training modules.

Module	Providers required to complete	Continuing Education credits available	Base Station credits available
BLS Update	EMT S and Paramedics	1 hr CEU	1
ALS Update	Paramedics	1 hr CEU	1
MICN Update	MICNs	2 Contact hr BRN	2
MCI Update	EMT S, Paramedics and MICN (separate module)	1 hr CEU, or 1 Contact hr BRN	1

A final reminder, completion of this training before April 15th, 2017 is **MANDATORY** for EMT s, Paramedics, and MICNs to continue working in the County of San Luis Obispo their individual roles.

Thank you for your diligence and effort in completing this significant training task. We hope that these updates will greatly benefit the providers that use them, and most importantly improve and advance the prehospital medical care for the citizens and visitors that call upon our services in the County of San Luis Obispo. Your commitment to the adoption of these updated policies and procedures is appreciated as a reflection of your ongoing commitment to EMS in our county.

Please direct questions, and submit documentation to dbrim@co.slo.ca.us, 805-788-2518.

See Attached

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