INTERNAL PRECEPTING OF EMT-P FIELD INTERNSHIP CANDIDATES

I. AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code 1797.204, 1797.206, and 1798.
Title 22 - Section 100151

- *An approved EMT-P training program shall enter into a written agreement with (an) EMT-P service provider(s) to provide for field internship, as well as for (a) field preceptor(s) to directly supervise, instruct, and evaluate the students.*

- *No more than one EMT-P student shall be assigned to a response vehicle at any one time during the field internship.*

II. APPLICATION:

This policy defines the requirements for an approved EMT service provider agency to be authorized by the Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) to internally precept its sponsored paramedic student(s) during the field internship phase for the approved paramedic training program.

III. CRITERIA:

A service provider agency opting to internally precept its employee/EMT-P intern during the field internship phase of paramedic training may do so providing the following conditions are met:

A. The college shall be notified by the first day of class of agency intent to precept.

B. Each EMT-P student will be assigned by Saddleback College Paramedic Training Program (SCPTP) to a selected paramedic preceptor who has successfully completed the OCEMS approved SCPTP Preceptor Course.

C. The preceptor shall utilize the approved SCPTP student evaluation document(s).

D. The State required minimum of 40 ALS contacts for each student during the field internship must be met and shall be documented and attested to by the preceptor.

E. The student shall function as a "paramedic student intern" on each ALS contact to which his/her assigned unit is dispatched.

F. A student who is in good academic standing but is unable to meet the State required minimum of 40 ALS contacts or other State or local requirements during his/her regularly scheduled field internship period shall have his/her field evaluation period extend until such time that all minimum requirements are met, not to exceed six months.

G. Periodic reports may be required by the SCPTP to evaluate student progress and compliance to the required training criteria.

H. In the event the student fails to show satisfactory progress or compliance to required training criteria, or is not exposed to sufficient ALS contacts, the SCPTP may require immediate reassignment of the student to another unit within the sponsoring agency or with an outside agency.

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I. An EMT-P Service Provider Agency approved by the OCEMS to precept its own sponsored EMT-P student shall also provide for field internship opportunities to other EMT-P candidate(s) as assigned by the SCPTP.

J. SCPTP faculty shall observe field performance and shall determine each student's pass/fail status for field internship.

IV. EVALUATION/DETERMINATION OF ACTION

The OCEMS Medical Director, in consultation with the approved paramedic training program shall evaluate the effect of this policy periodically in relationship to the paramedic education program. The OCEMS Medical Director shall make the final determination whether to approve, modify, extend or terminate an Agency's practice of internal precepting of EMT-P field interns.