



I. AUTHORITY:

County of Orange Codified Ordinances, Division 9, 4-9-11(B), H&S Code, Division 2.5 §1797.204 & 1797.107; California Code of Regulations, Title 22 § 100061 & § 100063.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy describes the process by which an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is permitted to practice in Orange County the specific EMT scope of practice approved by the OCEMS Medical Director.

III. DEFINITIONS:

“Local Accreditation” or **“accreditation”** or **“accreditation to practice”** means authorization by the OCEMS Medical Director to practice the Orange County specific EMT scope of practice as defined by OCEMS policy 315.00.

“Accreditation Course” means the course of instruction that includes the Orange County expanded scope curriculum and overview of the OCEMS system.

“Assist” or **“assist patient with medication”** means helping a patient with medication provided by or prescribed to the specific patient.

“Administer” means providing to a patient medications that are carried by pre hospital personnel and based on signs and symptoms, delivering medications for life threatening illnesses or injuries. Examples include oxygen and oral glucose.

IV. ACCREDITATION CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for accreditation to practice utilizing the Orange County scope of practice for an EMT, an individual shall meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Posses a current and valid California EMT certificate.
- B. Not be precluded from accreditation to practice as an EMT for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 (c) of the Health and Safety Code.
- C. Successfully complete the accreditation process (See Section V) within a 30 day period of beginning employment with an OCEMS approved provider agency.

V. ACCREDITATION PROCESS:

EMTs applying for local accreditation shall complete and submit proof of the following to OCEMS:

- A. OCEMS application for EMT Accreditation completed and signed.
- B. Current and valid California EMT certificate.
- C. An OCEMS approved EMT Accreditation course certificate.
- D. Current CPR certification (AHA Healthcare Provider or equivalent).
- E. Pay the established fee (OCEMS Policy # 470.00).

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VI. MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION:

In order to maintain and renew OCEMS EMT accreditation to practice, the EMT shall:

- A. Have current California EMT certification issued from OCEMS **or**
Submit a copy of current California EMT certification.
- B. Maintain current CPR certification.

VII. ACCREDITATION PERIOD:

Accreditation to practice the OCEMS local scope of practice shall be for a maximum of two (2) years from the date the individual satisfactorily completes all accreditation requirements and has applied for accreditation. The accreditation expiration date shall not exceed the individuals EMT certification expiration date.

VIII. ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATION:

OCEMS shall issue a wallet-sized certificate to individuals meeting all accreditation criteria.

IX. DENIAL / SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF ACCREDITATION:

Denial, suspension, probation, or revocation of OCEMS EMT accreditation will adhere to OCEMS Policy and Procedure #455.00.

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