

Subject: Training
Paramedic Field Internship Procedure

Associated Policies:

- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)
 - A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
 - B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22
 - C. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures
- II. Purpose

To provide a system for allowing paramedic field internship within the North Coast EMS region.
- III. Policy
 - A. If the individual is a student, the paramedic training program must have a written agreement with the field service provider prior to allowing the evaluated field internship.
 - B. By law, all training programs, including those located outside the region, must notify North Coast EMS prior to their students beginning an evaluated field internship within the North Coast EMS region.
 - C. North Coast EMS, the California EMS Authority and/or the base hospital Prehospital Care Medical Director and Nurse Coordinator may require remedial training which might include an evaluated field internship with a regional ALS service provider agency.
- IV. Procedure
 - A. It is the responsibility of the training institution to assign student interns to approved field service providers, and the responsibility of the intern to make arrangements for the evaluated field internship with approved field service providers.
 - B. North Coast EMS shall be notified, by the applicant, training institution or the ALS provider, of the following information prior to beginning the evaluated field internship:
 - 1. Name, address, phone number, and
 - 2. An introduction letter from applicant or student's paramedic training institution announcing qualifications for beginning field internship, and
 - 3. Name of field service provider(s) where field internship will be completed.
 - C. Applicant must complete all evaluated field internship with a North Coast EMS approved Field Training Officer.
 - D. Evaluation of applicant's field internship must be on forms provided by the approved paramedic training program or North Coast EMS.

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- E. No more than one (1) paramedic student, challenge applicant or, paramedic required to complete a remedial pathway, shall be assigned to a response vehicle at any one time during the field internship.