

Subject: Certification
Paramedic Blood/Blood Products (IFT) Accreditation

Associated Policies: 2220, 3410, 5440 and Form

I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by reference)

- A. Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22
- C. North Coast Emergency Medical Services Policies and Procedures

II. Purpose

To allow North Coast EMS "Blood Product Accredited" Paramedics to infuse blood/blood products during inter-facility transfers from within the North Coast EMS region, consistent with California State laws, regulations and North Coast EMS policy and protocol.

III. Accreditation Procedure

A. General eligibility criteria:

- 1. Applicant must document current North Coast EMS-issued EMT-P accreditation.
- 2. Applicant must document current affiliation with a North Coast EMS approved "Paramedic Blood/Blood Product Infusion during Interfacility Transfer Provider".
- 3. Applicant must document successful completion of a North Coast EMS-approved training program in infusing blood products during interfacility transfers, including a score of 80% or above on the written examination and successful demonstration of skills proficiency, within two (2) years prior to applying for accreditation.
- 4. Applicant must submit a North Coast EMS "Blood Product Infusion" accreditation application, including the signature of all North Coast EMS-approved Paramedic Blood Product Providers where applicant will use such accreditation.

B. The effective date of accreditation for infusing blood products during interfacility transfers shall be the date applicant satisfactorily completes all the accreditation requirements and has applied for accreditation. The accreditation expiration date will be the same expiration date as the current EMT-P accreditation card.

C. Accreditation shall be valid if the following criteria are met:

- 1. Current North Coast EMS EMT-P accreditation is maintained; and
- 2. Current affiliation with a North Coast EMS Paramedic Blood/Blood Products Infusion during Interfacility Transfer Provider is maintained.
- 3. Receive a 1-hour refresher course every 2 years. Course content should include but not limited to, general administration guidelines, transfusion reactions and IV pump use.

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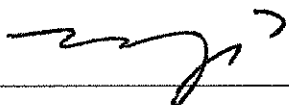
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IV. Reinstatement Procedure

Accreditation for infusing blood products may be reactivated by fulfilling the following requirements:

- A. Inactive status due to failure to maintain current EMT-P licensure or North Coast EMS accreditation shall be resolved by submitting proof of current EMT-P licensure or accreditation to North Coast EMS.
- B. Inactive status due to failure to maintain employment or active volunteer status with a North Coast EMS-approved Paramedic Blood Product Provider shall be resolved by submitting a North Coast EMS Paramedic Accreditation including the signature of all North Coast EMS-approved service providers of such skill where applicant will use such accreditation.
- C. Attend a Blood/Blood Products Infusion refresher course.

PLEASE NOTE - AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ALLOWED TO FUNCTION AS A BLOOD PRODUCT ACCREDITED PARAMEDIC WITHIN THE NORTH COAST EMS REGION UNLESS (S)HE HOLDS A CURRENT AND VALID NORTH COAST EMS-ISSUED ACCREDITATION IN SUCH PROCEDURE. AN EXPIRED ACCREDITATION IS NOT CURRENT NOR VALID. FUNCTIONING WITHOUT A CURRENT AND VALID ACCREDITATION IS GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND IS A VIOLATION OF 1797.177 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.

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