

 <p>County of San Diego EMS A Division of San Diego County Fire</p>	COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	CP-903
	COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION/REACCREDITATION	
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I. PURPOSE

To establish the initial eligibility, renewal, and reinstatement requirements for paramedics providing community paramedicine case management and tuberculosis directly observed therapy services.

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1979.185, 1979.214. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Section 100140, 100165.1. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5, Sections 100192.

III. POLICY

A. Initial Accreditation

1. The candidate must be an accredited paramedic affiliated with CoSD EMS in good standing.
2. The candidate must be actively working for an approved advanced life support (ALS) agency in the County of San Diego.
3. The candidate must submit all of the following as part of his/her application:
 - a. Proof of an active, unrestricted California issued paramedic license.
 - b. Social Security Number or Individual Tax Identification Number.
 - c. CoSD EMS-approved community paramedicine course completion certificate.
 - d. Proof of passing the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC®) Community Paramedic (CP-C®) examination f within the last two (2) years of the date of application submission.
4. The minimum requirements identified in this policy shall not preclude paramedic training programs from requiring additional prerequisites, admission procedures, or requirements as part of the application process.

B. Renewal Accreditation

1. To be eligible for renewal, the applicant shall submit to CoSD EMS an application with the following eligibility criteria for review:
 - a. Proof of a current, unrestricted California issued paramedic license and
 - 1) proof of completion of eight (8) hours of approved community paramedicine-related continuing education (CE) every two (2) years or
 - 2) proof of continued active, unrestricted IBSC® CP-C® certification.

2. CoSD EMS shall review the community paramedic accreditation renewal application and notify the applicant in writing within thirty (30) business days from the date of submission that the application is:
 - a. incomplete or illegible and requires corrective action or
 - b. the application has been approved and renewal data is updated in the Central Registry Public Look-Up database.

C. Accreditation Lapse/Reaccreditation

1. To be eligible for reinstatement of a community paramedic accreditation that has expired for a period of twelve (12) months or fewer, the applicant shall submit to CoSD an application the following:
 - a. proof of a current, unrestricted California-issued paramedic license,
 - b. proof of completion of eight (8) hours of approved local community paramedicine continuing education (CE), and
 - c. proof of a continued, active unrestricted IBSC® CP-C® certification.
2. To be eligible for reinstatement of a community paramedic accreditation that has expired more than twelve (12) months ago, the applicant shall submit to CoSD EMS the following eligibility criteria for review:
 - a. proof of an active, unrestricted California-issued paramedic license,
 - b. proof of successful completion of a county-approved community paramedicine course within the last two (2) years from the submission date of the reinstatement application, and
 - c. proof of passing the IBSC® CP-C® examination within the last two (2) years from the submission date of the reinstatement application.
3. CoSD EMS shall review the community paramedic accreditation application and notify the applicant in writing within thirty (30) business days from the date of submission that the application is:
 - a. incomplete or illegible and requires corrective action,
 - b. approved and the data is entered in the Central Registry Public Look-Up database, or
 - c. denied with reason for the denial and notification of the applicant's right to appeal.