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MICN Authorization Maintenance Requirements

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

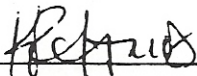
To establish the procedure for maintaining Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization within the North Coast EMS region.
- III. Procedure
 - A. Each MICN applicant must attend an organized field care audit of recorded and/or written patient care records for no less than six (6) hours every two (2) years, three (3) of these hours must be obtained at a base hospital or an alternative base hospital within the North Coast EMS region and three (3) hours may be obtained outside the region. Hours obtained outside the North Coast EMS region must be documented by an official course completion record or by an approved CE certificate.
 - B. Each MICN applicant must complete at least sixteen (16) hours of continuing education every two (2) years. This continuing education must relate specifically to prehospital care and is in addition to the required field care audit attendance. The CE credit may be issued by a BRN or Prehospital Care CE Provider. Three (3) hours every two (2) years of this CE must be focused as follows:
 1. A minimum of two (2) of these sixteen (16) CE hours must be for attending a two (2) hour MICN Reauthorization Review Class conducted by the applicant's base hospital Prehospital Care Nurse Coordinator (PCNC).
 2. A minimum of one (1) of these sixteen (16) CE hours must be related to management of disaster or multi-casualty incident. This may take the form of participation in a hospital or county disaster drill, if verified by a base hospital Prehospital Care Nurse Provider.
 - C. Each MICN applicant must verify field observation time. This may be accomplished by:
 1. Riding with a North Coast EMS approved LALS/ALS ambulance as a third person for two (2) field LALS/ALS patient contacts every two (2) years. This observation will be documented by the Field Preceptor's signature on the North Coast EMS Verification of MICN Field Observation Form. See Policy #4705 MICN ALS Field Observation Guidelines for specifics.

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2. Spending four (4) hours of directed study with an EMT-P in the prehospital setting. During this time, three (3) of the following objectives must be accomplished:
 - a. Create a practice or sample PCR via the computer based system, to enhance understanding of the process required of the paramedics.
 - b. Visit the dispatch center to gain insight into the dispatch process.
 - c. Assist with the morning rig check to improve familiarity with the working environment.
 - d. Review the EMS skills and protocols manual with attention to policies on radio delay, radio failure, field pronouncement of death, helicopter activation, and multicasualty incident
 - e. Participate in a mock call, directed by the EMT-P.
 3. Riding with a North Coast EMS approved LALS/ALS ambulance as a third person for one(1) field patient contact every two (2) years (see above for specifics) AND spending two (2) hours of directed study with an EMT-P in the prehospital setting. During this time, two (2) of the above objectives must be accomplished.
- D. Each MICN applicant must complete at least twenty (20) radio and/or telephone calls every two (2) years, ten (10) of which must be evaluated by the base hospital Prehospital Care Nurse Coordinator (PCNC) utilizing the MICN Tape Audit Form. Calls may be simulated, but it is recommended that each MICN direct at least ten (10) genuine radio and/or telephone calls per year.
- E. It is recommended that each MICN maintain verification of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course completion; proof of current ACLS is required upon authorization and reauthorization.
- F. Only MICN authorization maintenance requirements completed within the last twenty-four (24) months prior to submitting the application for MICN authorization will be accepted.
- IV. Responsibilities
- A. The CE Provider shall distribute course completion records to attendees to document attendance at field care audits and/or continuing education sessions (following the state prehospital continuing education guidelines and California state laws and regulations) for reauthorization purposes.
 - B. The MICN applicant shall attend the appropriate field care audits, continuing education classes, field observation time, and complete the necessary radio and/or telephone calls to maintain MICN authorization.
 - C. The MICN will notify North Coast EMS if they work as an MICN in more than one hospital.
 - D. The MICN applicant shall obtain and maintain documentation of sufficient field care audit attendance, continuing education, field observation, and

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- radio and/or telephone call evaluations for a period no less than four (4) years.
- E. The MICN applicant shall submit to North Coast EMS all documentation listed above upon request.
 - F. The base hospital PCNC shall offer a two (2) hour MICN Reauthorization Review Class annually at a minimum, following the North Coast EMS outline and offer CE for attendance. The authorized base hospital PCNC who facilitates these classes is exempt from this requirement.
 - G. The base hospital PCNC shall evaluate the necessary radio and/or telephone calls.
- V. Verification
- A. North Coast EMS may audit hospital records to assure that MICN authorization maintenance requirements have been met.
 - B. North Coast EMS may audit MICN application and maintenance documentation verifying compliance for cause.
 - C. North Coast EMS will randomly audit 10% of the MICN applicants to verify FCA and CE attendance documents.

Approved: 

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