

Subject: Certification
MICN Advance Life Support Field Observation

Associated Policies: 3605, 4004, 4702, 4704

- 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 provide guidelines and establish the function and responsibilities of the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) while participating in Advanced Life support (ALS) field observation.

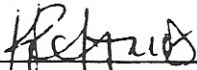
- III. Policy
 - A. The MICN must observe two (2) LALS or ALS patients while on a North Coast EMS approved ambulance every two (2) years to count towards MICN authorization or reauthorization requirements.
 - B. Only one MICN observer may be scheduled to accompany LALS or ALS ambulance personnel at one time. The scheduling of ambulance time shall be at the discretion of the ALS ambulance service provider. It is the responsibility of the base hospital Prehospital Care Nurse Coordinator (PCNC) and/or the individual MICN to make arrangements with the ambulance provider's liaison or base supervisor for LALS or ALS field observation time.
 - C. The rules and regulations of the LALS or ALS ambulance provider will be respected and adhered to by the MICN. Any non-compliance may result in the termination of the LALS or ALS field observation period. MICN observers will not interfere with field personnel as they perform their duties.
 - D. Appropriate professional attire and identifying name tags must be worn by the MICN while participating in LALS or ALS field observation.
 - E. The MICN's base hospital shall maintain workman's compensation and malpractice insurance, or similar coverage, for the MICN during LALS or ALS field observation time.
 - F. The ambulance provider is not responsible for actions of the MICN. The MICN may assist with patient care at the request and under the direction of the EMT-II or paramedic responsible for patient care. The EMT-II or paramedic maintains responsibility and authority for patient care, under the guidance and discretion of the base hospital.
 - G. The LALS or ALS observation and patient contacts will be documented on the North Coast EMS Verification of MICN ALS Field Observation Form and signed by the EMT-II or paramedic on the call.

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IV. Procedure

Many MICN's work in base hospitals where LALS or ALS field units have a low patient call volume.

- A. Listed below are the ways the MICN ALS field observation requirement may be met:
1. MICN's:
 - a. may receive credit for LALS or ALS patient contacts while on emergency transfers by completing the MICN Field Observation Form and obtaining the charge EMT-II or paramedic's signature.
 - b. may observe LALS or ALS patients on any North Coast EMS approved LALS or ALS ambulance. The required ALS field observation may also be completed outside the North Coast EMS region with prior written approval from the North Coast EMS Medical Director.
 - c. may participate in simulated field calls to meet the ALS field observation requirement. Arrangement for simulation will be the base hospital PCNC's responsibility and must include an EMT-II or paramedic. Simulations must involve a mock ALS patient and actual simulated patient care and transport, and must continue at least thirty (30) minutes. This simulation will constitute one (1) patient contact. The EMT-II or paramedic acting as coordinator of the simulation must have worked as an EMT-II or paramedic for at least one (1) year within the North Coast EMS region.
 - d. are responsible for maintaining the Verification of MICN ALS Field Observation Form and obtaining the appropriate EMT-II's or paramedic's signature.
 2. MICN's are encouraged to:
 - a. Seek an orientation to the ambulance at the beginning of the crewshift.
 - b. Accompany their assigned crew on all duties, including standbys (i.e., football games, fires, etc.).
 - c. Ask questions.

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