

**SUBJECT: Approval of New ALS Interventions**

- 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
  - A. To establish a procedural framework for the approval of new ALS medications, procedures or devices.
  
- III. Policy
  - A. This policy is intended to provide a standardized procedure for speeding the process by which North Coast EMS provider agencies desiring to employ a newly North-Coast-EMS approved ALS interventions may do so.
  - B. This policy may only be employed for approval in the use of new ALS interventions for which North Coast EMS policy is in force.
  - C. This policy shall be employed by reference as specified in the North Coast EMS policy corresponding to the new medication, procedure or device in question. Providers may only be approved to employ new medications, procedures or devices that have been previously approved by the North Coast EMS Medical Director. This policy is not intended to be employed for new medications, procedures or medications that have not been previously approved by the North Coast EMS Medical Director.
  - D. Only North Coast EMS approved ALS provider agencies may carry and/or employ the medication, procedure or device in question.
  - E. Prior to receiving North Coast EMS approval, for the medication, procedure or device, the ALS provider must document that all that ALS provider agency's paramedic personnel have received adequate training in the use of the medication, procedure or device. Provider documentation should include information regarding the medication, procedure or device to be employed. All provider documentation, including training materials, must be endorsed by the Prehospital Care Medical Director of the Base Hospital (or Modified Base Hospital) to which that provider has been assigned. The North Coast EMS Medical Director **or** the (Modified) Base Hospital Prehospital Care Medical Director may rescind this approval at any time.
  - F. ALS Provider agencies must agree to ensure that newly accredited paramedics will not employ the medication, procedure or device in question prior to having been adequately trained in the use of the medication, procedure or device per this policy. ALS provider agencies must agree to ensure that new paramedics receive adequate training in the intervention in question within 30 days of their employment
  - G. All paramedics must complete **a minimum time** of training on the use of the medication, procedure or device as noted in the North Coast EMS policy corresponding to that medication, procedure or device.

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