

SAN FRANCISCO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

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PRECEPTORS FOR PARAMEDIC STUDENT INTERNS

I. PURPOSE

- A. Establish standards for preceptors supervising paramedic student interns.
- B. Identify the ALS provider agency responsibilities when providing preceptors and field training for paramedic student interns.
- C. Identify the paramedic training program responsibilities for oversight of their paramedic student interns receiving field training through an ALS provider agency.

II. POLICY

Paramedic training programs and ALS provider agencies are jointly responsible for ensuring that student preceptors meet the standards delineated in the policy and that patient care delivered by paramedic student interns is done in a safe manner.

III. PRECEPTOR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Current California Paramedic license.
- B. Current accreditation as a Paramedic in San Francisco
- C. At least two (2) years (full time or equivalent) as a paramedic on an ALS ambulance within the prior three (3) years. One of years of experience must be in the San Francisco EMS System. Experience outside of San Francisco must have been in a moderately busy urban or suburban EMS system.
- D. No disciplinary or clinical actions currently pending or within the prior 12 months against his / her accreditation, licensure, or employment.
- E. Successful completion of a Preceptor course that satisfies the requirements in CCR, Title 22, Section 100150 (f)(4).
- F. All preceptors must attend at least 12 hours of continuing education per accreditation cycle that is related to adult teaching techniques and /or paramedic education theory and practice.

IV. ALS AMBULANCE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. ALS provider agencies must verify that any paramedic training programs has been approved by a local Agency before they can enter into a written agreement with that program to provide preceptors and field training to paramedic student interns.

- B. Ambulance provider companies must ensure that sufficient staffing levels to allow preceptors to maintain direct supervision of an intern during the course of all patient care provided. Interns must have an assigned preceptor, and may not provide patient care without the assigned preceptor being present. The company must also maintain records of the student intern field assignments and patient contacts.
- C. No more than one (1) student trainee shall be assigned to a response vehicle at any one time during the paramedic student's field internship.
- D. Preceptors must co-sign all patient care records completed by a paramedic student intern.

V. PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Paramedic training programs must be approved by a local EMS Agency before they can enter into a written agreement with a San Francisco permitted ALS provider agencies to provide preceptors and field training to paramedic student interns.
- B. Paramedic training programs are responsible for ensuring that the field preceptor has the experience and training as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100150 (f).
- C. The paramedic training program shall be responsible for continuously monitoring the progress of the intern during the field internship.

VI. AUTHORITY

California Code and Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100148, 100150, 100152 - 100153