PARAMEDIC INTERNSHIPS

PURPOSE
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and to establish minimum standards for paramedic internships offered by ALS providers in Marin County.

POLICY
A. Provider Agency
   1. Approved ALS providers may offer field internships for paramedic students from a LEMSA-approved training program to complete the required field portion of their training.
   2. The Provider Agency shall give notice to the Marin County EMS Agency in advance of the following:
      a. Paramedic student’s name
      b. Sponsoring Paramedic Training Program
      c. Start date of internship
      d. Assigned paramedic preceptor
   3. The Provider Agency shall have a current, written agreement to provide internships with the Paramedic Training Program with which the student is affiliated.

B. Preceptors
   1. Assigned preceptors shall meet the following minimum qualifications:
      a. Two years experience as California EMT-P.
      b. Possession of a current and active (non-probationary) California EMT-P license and local accreditation in Marin County for at least one year.
      c. Preceptors shall complete training as outlined/required by the Provider Agency and/or Paramedic Training Program.
      d. Formal preceptor designation by the Provider Agency.
   2. Preceptors shall complete all evaluations of student performance as may be required by the Paramedic Training Program.

C. Paramedic Students
   1. Students shall be subject to all Marin County EMS Agency policies, protocols and procedures
   2. Students also required to:
      a. Complete the approved Marin County EMS Agency internship application/form.
      b. Work only in basic scope of practice unless approved for optional scope procedures.
      c. Work only under the direct supervision of their assigned preceptor(s). In the absence of their preceptor(s), student may only work in the basic EMT scope of practice.
      d. Receive authorization from the Marin County EMS Agency.

D. EMS Agency
   1. EMS Agency will:
a. Issue a temporary paramedic intern authorization number.
b. Activate access for intern in ePCR database.