

100066.01 Application of Chapter

(a)

Except as provided herein, the attendant on an ambulance operated in emergency service, or the driver if there is no attendant, shall possess a valid and current California EMT certificate. This requirement shall not apply during officially declared states of emergency and under conditions specified in Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.160.

(b)

The requirements for EMT certification of ambulance attendants shall not apply, unless the individual chooses to be certified, to the following: (1) Physicians currently licensed in California. (2) Registered nurses currently licensed in California. (3) Physicians' assistants currently licensed in California. (4) Paramedics currently licensed in California. (5) Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (Advanced EMTs) currently certified in California.

(1)

Physicians currently licensed in California.

(2)

Registered nurses currently licensed in California.

(3)

Physicians' assistants currently licensed in California.

(4)

Paramedics currently licensed in California.

(5)

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (Advanced EMTs) currently certified in California.

(c)

EMTs who are not currently certified in California may temporarily perform their scope of practice in California, when approved by the medical director of the LEMSA, in order to provide emergency medical services in response to a request, if all the following conditions are met: (1) The EMTs are registered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or licensed or certified in another state or under the jurisdiction of a branch of the Armed Forces including the Coast Guard of the United States, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior -- Bureau of Land Management, or the United States Forest Service; and (2) The EMTs restrict their scope of practice to that for which they are licensed or certified.

(1)

The EMTs are registered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or licensed or certified in another state or under the jurisdiction of a branch of the Armed Forces including the Coast Guard of the United States, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior -- Bureau of Land Management, or the United States Forest Service; and

(2)

The EMTs restrict their scope of practice to that for which they are licensed or certified.

(d)

The local EMS agency shall develop and implement policies for the medical control and medical accountability of care rendered by the EMT. This shall include, but not

be limited to, basic life support protocols, policies and procedures and documentation, which may include completing an electronic health record (EHR) that is compliant with the current versions of the California Emergency Medical Services Information System (CEMSIS) and the National Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (NEMSIS) standards.

(e)

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1797.170, subdivision (b), a California-certified EMT shall be recognized as an EMT on a statewide basis.

(f)

If an EMT or Advanced EMT certification card is lost, destroyed, damaged, or there has been a change in the name of the EMT, a duplicate certification card may be requested. The request shall be in writing to the certifying entity that issued the EMT certificate and include a statement identifying the reason for the request and, if due to a name change, include a copy of legal documentation of the change in name. The duplicate card shall bear the same certification number and date of expiration as the original card.

(g)

An individual currently certified as an EMT by the provisions of this section may voluntarily deactivate his or her EMT certificate as long as the individual is not under investigation or disciplinary action by a LEMSA medical director for violations of Health and Safety Code Section 1798.200. An individual who has voluntarily deactivated his or her EMT certificate shall comply with the following: (1) Discontinue all medical practice requiring an active and valid EMT certificate, (2) Return the EMT certificate to the certifying entity, and (3) Notify the LEMSA to whom the individual is accredited as an EMT that his or her certification is no longer valid. (4) Reactivation of the EMT certificate shall be in accordance with the

provisions of Section 100069.02 of this Chapter. (5) This information shall be entered into the Central Registry by the certifying entity who issued the EMT certificate.

(1)

Discontinue all medical practice requiring an active and valid EMT certificate,

(2)

Return the EMT certificate to the certifying entity, and

(3)

Notify the LEMSA to whom the individual is accredited as an EMT that his or her certification is no longer valid.

(4)

Reactivation of the EMT certificate shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 100069.02 of this Chapter.

(5)

This information shall be entered into the Central Registry by the certifying entity who issued the EMT certificate.