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PROCEDURE FOR MANDATORY PASSING OF LOCAL EXAM BY RE-ACCREDITING PARAMEDICS

All new and re-accrediting paramedics in Kern County will be required to pass an exam on local policies, procedures, and protocols. The pass rate is 80% to obtain/retain accreditation. Below is the procedure for paramedic testing:

- The paramedic will have three (3) attempts at passing the exam.
 - There is no time restriction or waiting period between exam attempts with the exception of remediation
- If the paramedic fails the first two (2) attempts, the paramedic shall be referred to his/her employer for remedial education
 - The Division will fill out a form citing which local policies, procedures, or protocols were missed on the exam(s)
 - The paramedic will present the Division form to the employer for assignment of training
 - Remedial training may be conducted by the Pre-hospital Continuing Education Provider Program or Division approved preceptor at the discretion of the employer
 - Training will be focused on the policies, procedures or protocols listed on the Division form
 - There is no minimum requirement for the number of training hours. Satisfaction of completion of remedial training will be at the discretion of the employer
 - The paramedic must have the Division form signed by the trainer to be eligible for the third attempt at the exam
- The paramedic shall present a signed remedial education form to the Division to attempt the exam a third time
- If the paramedic fails the third exam, his/her accreditation will be suspended/not renewed.
- Re-instatement of accreditation will require completion of a Division sponsored policy, procedure, protocol class. Course completion will require passing of an exam.
- If the paramedic fails to complete the course, the paramedic will not be eligible for accreditation for one year following the date of the fourth and final exam.
 - Re-instatement after the one year time frame will require the paramedic to complete the accreditation process (including ten ALS contacts)

If at any point in the process the paramedic accreditation expires, the paramedic will not be allowed to report to duty. Re-instatement of accreditation either from expiration or failure to pass the exam after three attempts will be subject to accreditation fee of \$64.00 as applicable by Ordinance 8.13.