



## MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE (MICN) AUTHORIZATION

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### I. AUTHORITY:

*Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.56; California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 70217 & 100168.*

### II. APPLICATION:

This policy defines the process for the OCEMS medical director to authorize a registered nurse (RN) to function as an MICN in Orange County.

### III. DEFINITIONS:

"Authorized registered nurse", "mobile intensive care nurse," or "MICN" means a registered nurse who is functioning pursuant to Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code and who has been authorized by the medical director of the local EMS agency.

"MICN base hospital treatment guidelines" are those medical directives identified in the OCEMS Base Hospital Treatment Guidelines as requiring a base hospital (BH) order which the MICN may issue to prehospital care personnel without consulting the base hospital physician. MICN base hospital treatment guidelines are approved by the OCEMS Medical Director.

### IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- A. No person or organization other than a hospital which is currently designated as a base hospital (BH) by Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) shall utilize an MICN to provide field care instructions to advanced life support (ALS) prehospital emergency medical care personnel.
- B. No person or organization shall utilize an RN to provide field care instructions to ALS prehospital emergency medical care personnel unless the RN is either an MICN who is currently authorized by the OCEMS medical director to provide instructions or is an RN who has completed an MICN education program and is completing a preauthorization BH evaluation supervised or monitored by the employing BH's prehospital care coordinator or designee.
- C. No person shall represent him/herself as an MICN unless that person is currently authorized as an MICN by the OCEMS Medical Director.
- D. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to abridge or restrict the duties or functions of an RN or MICN as otherwise provided by law.
- E. In addition to any other duties or functions which an RN may perform as otherwise provided by the law, an MICN may, while on duty at a designated BH, according to the base hospital treatment guidelines approved by the OCEMS Medical Director, provide on-line medical direction to ALS prehospital emergency medical care personnel who, as part of the OCEMS system, have responded to the scene of a medical emergency or are performing an interhospital emergency patient transfer as described in OCEMS Policy 670.10.
- F. Authorization as an MICN shall be for a maximum of two (2) years from the date of successful completion of all authorization requirements.
- G. An MICN authorization may be suspended, revoked, denied, or placed on probation by the OCEMS Medical Director in accordance with the standardized procedures set forth in OCEMS Policy 450.00.



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### V. APPLICATION CRITERIA:

To be eligible for authorization, an individual shall meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Currently licensed as an RN in California.
- B. Minimum one year experience as an RN in emergency nursing.
- C. Current employment in the emergency department (ED) of an Orange County BH; or, current employment with OCEMS and a previous authorization as an MICN in Orange County.
- D. Successfully complete the authorization process (See Section VI).
- E. Challenge Process

To be eligible for challenging MICN authorization, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Currently Licensed as an RN in California.
- b. Minimum five years' experience as an RN in emergency nursing.
- c. Minimum two years' experience as an MICN within the last 5 years.
- d. Written recommendation from base hospital coordinator, with OCEMS approval.
- e. Written recommendation by the sponsoring BH's physician director and the ED nursing director.
- f. Take and pass the OCEMS MICN Candidate Pre-test examination with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%).
- g. Complete the MICN candidate self-study training program as approved by OCEMS and assigned by the Base Hospital Coordinator.
- h. Take and pass the OCEMS MICN authorization examination with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%).
- i. Complete the appropriate OCEMS application for MICN authorization online through OC-MEDS.
- j. Payment for the established fee. (Initial authorization fees shall be prorated based on the initial authorization cycle).

**NOTE:** If a MICN Challenge candidate fails the OCEMS MICN candidate pre-test examination, fails to complete the MICN candidate self-study training program or fails the OCEMS MICN Authorization examination, he/she must successfully complete the authorization process (see Section VI).

### VI. AUTHORIZATION PROCESS:

All of the following must be submitted to OCEMS when applying for initial authorization:

- A. Take and pass the OCEMS MICN Candidate Pre-test examination with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%).

