



MICN AUTHORIZATION - Base Hospital, Administrative, Flight Nurse, Critical Care Transport

I. PURPOSE

To define the requirements required for a Registered Nurse (RN) to obtain a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization within the ICEMA region.

II. DEFINITIONS

Advanced Life Support (ALS): Special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures administered by authorized personnel under the direct supervision of a base hospital as part of a local EMS system at the scene of an emergency, during transport to an acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, and while in the emergency department of an acute care hospital until responsibility is assumed by the emergency or other medical staff of that hospital.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN): A Registered Nurse (RN) who has been deemed qualified and authorized by the ICEMA Medical Director to provide ALS services or to issue physician directed instructions to EMS field personnel within an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system according to ICEMA developed standardized procedures and consistent with statewide guidelines.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Base Hospital (MICN-BH): An ICEMA authorized MICN who is authorized as a MICN-BH to issue physician directed instructions to EMS field personnel while working for a recognized base hospital within the ICEMA region.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Administrative (MICN-A): An ICEMA authorized MICN who works in an administrative/supervisory capacity for an approved ALS provider within the ICEMA.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Flight (MICN-F): An ICEMA authorized MICN who has received additional training related to flight operations and is authorized to provide ALS services during flight operations aboard air ambulances and/or air rescue aircraft within the ICEMA region.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Critical Care Transport (MICN-C): An ICEMA authorized MICN who has received additional training related to critical care transport and is authorized to provide ALS services during critical care ground transports by approved EMS providers.

III. POLICY

1. All RNs working in a capacity that will require them to provide ALS services or to issue physician directed instructions to prehospital emergency medical care personnel within the ICEMA region shall submit a completed application and meet criteria established by the ICEMA Medical Director.
2. All MICNs shall notify ICEMA of any and all changes in name, email and/or mailing address within thirty (30) calendar days of change. This notification/change may be made through the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at ICEMA.net.
3. All MICNs shall notify ICEMA immediately of termination of their employment with an approved entity and/or employment by another ICEMA approved base hospital and/or non-base hospital employer. If employment with an approved EMS provider is terminated, the MICN authorization will be rescinded unless proof of other qualifying employment is received by ICEMA within thirty (30) days.
4. MICNs may hold authorization in multiple categories but must apply and submit all required documentation. MICN authorization may be added to or converted to another MICN category by meeting all requirements for authorization in that category.

IV. PROCEDURE

General Procedures for MICN Authorization/Reauthorization

1. Submit a completed online application using the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at ICEMA.net for each MICN category applied for that includes:
 - a. Copy of a valid government issued photo identification.
 - b. Copy of a valid California RN license.
 - c. Proof of completion of an ICEMA approved MICN course with a passing score of at least eighty percent (80%). (MICN-BH Initial Authorization Only)
 - d. Copy (front and back) of a valid American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card or equivalent. Online course is acceptable with written documentation of skills portion.

- e. Copy (front and back) of a valid American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) card. ACLS cards that are obtained online must have hands on skills evaluation with an approved American Heart Association instructor.
2. Submit the established ICEMA fee. Additional categories may be applied for without additional fee. Authorization cards issued within six (6) months of nursing license expiration is exempt from reauthorization fee. Fees paid for authorization are not refundable or transferable. ICEMA fees are published on the ICEMA website at ICEMA.net.

MICN-BH Authorization by Challenge

1. Meet one (1) of the following eligibility requirements:
 - a. MICN in another county if approved by the ICEMA Medical Director.
 - b. An eligible RN who has been a MICN in ICEMA region who has let authorization lapse longer than six (6) months.

ICEMA authorization will be effective from the date all requirements are verified and expire on the same date as the California RN license, provided all requirements continue to be met.