

Paramedic Accreditation and Re-Accreditation

March 28, 2020

EMS Partners and Stakeholders,

The Santa Barbara County EMS Agency (SBCEMSA) is:

- 1) Extending all current paramedic accreditations to June 30, 2020 (paramedics must maintain current California Paramedic Licensure)
- 2) Suspending the requirement to maintain a current ACLS and PALS certificate
- 3) Suspending the in person ten/five call review for initial paramedic accreditation

All initial paramedic accreditation applications and documentation will be submitted electronically and applicable fees will be accepted by phone.

Authority: [22 CCR § 100166](#)

We have decided to take these steps out of an abundance of caution and to remain in compliance with recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order issued on [March 12, 2020](#), and Governor Newsom's [Executive Order N-33-20](#). It is our hope that this action contributes to the efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Instructions for renewal of EMT certification will be posted on SBCEMSA's website. All questions pertaining to EMT certification or paramedic accreditation should be directed to the SBCEMSA Office:

Phone: 805-681-5432
Email: EMS@sbcphd.org

The Santa Barbara County EMS Agency will reevaluate this action as the situation warrants. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.



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