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This policy supersedes any other existing policy on this subject.

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Subject: **EMT-1 COURSE COMPLETION BY CHALLENGE**

Authority: Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, Section 1797.210, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100080.

Definitions: **EMT-1 Certifying Authority** - means an agency or person authorized to certify and recertify, as Emergency Medical Technician-1, an individual who has complied with the requirements of this policy.

**Certifying Examination** - means an examination developed by the State EMS Authority administered or approved by the Authority given to an individual applying for certification as an EMT-1. The examination shall include both written and skill testing portions designed to determine an individual's competence for certification as an EMT-1.

**Emergency Medical Technician-1 or EMT-1** - means a person who has successfully completed a basic EMT-1 course which meets the requirements of the California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, has passed all required tests and who has been certified by the EMT-1 Certifying Authority.

**Agency** - means the Merced County Health Department, as the designated Emergency Medical Services Agency for Merced County.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure that an individual, having met the requirements as set forth in the State of California Code of Regulations will be eligible for course completion by challenge.

Policy: An individual may apply for EMT-1 course completion record if he/she meets one of the following requirements:

- A. The person is a currently licensed physician in one of the states of the United States, a registered nurse, a physician assistant, or licensed vocational nurse.

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- B. The person provides documented evidence of having completed an emergency medical services training program of the Armed Forces of the United States within the preceding two (2) years which meets the Department of Transportation EMT-1 course guidelines. A person who has been active in the last two (2) years in a prehospital emergency medical classification of the Armed Services of the United States may be allowed to challenge after successfully completing an approved refresher course.

Procedure: The following procedure will be followed:

1. Submit an application along with documentation establishing eligibility to challenge for EMT-1 Course Completion:
  - A. Physician, physician assistant, or nursing license; or
  - B. Documentation of military classification; and
  - C. Proof that the individual is eighteen (18) years or older.
2. Pass a Course Challenge Examination.
3. Upon successful completion of the Course Completion Examination, the individual will be issued a course completion certificate and will be eligible to take the National Registry Certification Exam.
4. Individuals may apply for course completion by challenge examination one (1) time only.