



EMS Special Memorandum - #26-002

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To: Mendocino/ Sonoma County EMS Providers and System Stakeholders

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Re: Suspension of ALS Update Accreditation Requirement

Effective **July 1, 2026**, Coastal Valleys EMS Agency will temporarily suspend the ALS Update course requirement required for Paramedic accreditation.

During this suspension period, **all paramedic applicants for initial or renewal accreditation will receive credit for completion of the ALS Update course requirement.** This administrative credit will apply to **all initial and renewal accreditation applications received between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2028**, and no additional ALS Update course documentation will be required during this period.

This temporary suspension is intended to ensure continuity of the accreditation process while the Agency addresses current fiscal and staffing challenges. Coastal Valleys EMS Agency will continue to evaluate program resources and will provide advance notice of any changes to this administrative suspension, including the reinstatement of the ALS Update course requirement.

Please direct any questions regarding this Special Memorandum to EMS Training Programs Manager Jen Banks at jen.banks@sonomacounty.gov

