

Proof of Patient Contacts

EMT-III Candidates

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Rationale: EMT-IIIs need a strong foundation in EMT-I and EMT-II skills. In order to ensure that an EMT-II has had a chance to gain experience before enrolling in EMT-III training, state regulation 7 AAC 26.030 requires 10 patient contacts and 10 venipunctures (which must be completed after certification as an EMT-II). These contacts are defined as “*a contact by an EMT with a person who is sick or injured in which the EMT performs at least one of the following: (A) patient assessment; (B) obtaining vital signs; (C) providing treatment.*”

All certified EMT-IIIs are required to have a Medical Director. Therefore, the EMT-III Candidate shall complete one of the two patient contact verification pathways prior to enrollment in an EMT-III class, either:

- The Patient Contact Form for EMT-III Candidates (Form 06-1595, 08/2016), or the
- Medical Director Verification of EMT-II Experience Form (Form 06-1597, Rev. 08/2016)

In addition to the patient contact verification forms, EMT-III Candidates ***must also complete*** the EMT- III Candidate Venipuncture Verification Form (Form 06-1588, 08/2016). (These are 10 venipunctures completed **after** EMT-II certification, at least eight of which must have been with a catheter-covered needle).

This form differs from the form used to complete EMT-II Training in order to maintain patient confidentiality.

Verification of both the patient contacts and the venipunctures **MUST** be completed **prior** to enrollment in an EMT-III class. Patient contacts and venipunctures must be witnessed by an EMT-II, EMT-III, MICP, Corpsman, RN, PA, or physician.

Questions about the patient contact or venipuncture prerequisites for EMT-III training can be made to the Section of Community Health and EMS.