

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

G-8 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REGISTERED NURSE

1. ECRN Approval:
 - 1.1. To be approved as an ECRN, an individual must:
 - 1.1.1. Be a registered nurse in accordance with Illinois Nursing Act of 1987.
 - 1.1.2. Complete a Department approved education curriculum which consists of at least 40 hours of classroom and practical training for both the adult and pediatric population including telecommunications, system-specific standing medical orders and protocols.
 - 1.1.3. Complete eight hours of field experience supervised by an EMT as authorized by the EMS MD.
 - 1.1.4. The EMS MD will approve individuals who meet these requirements for four years.
2. Reapproval and Continuing Education:
 - 2.1. The ECRN will be reapproved every four years if he/she is a registered nurse in accordance with Illinois Nursing Act of 1987.
 - 2.2. Has completed 32 hours of continuing education in a four year period. Eight hours of continuing education per year is required and must be specific to critical or emergency care as outlined in the continuing education police of the Regional Plan.
 - 2.3. The ECRN is responsible for maintaining continuing education documentation and submitting it to the EMS office of the Resource Hospital for renewal.
3. Inactive Status:
 - 3.1. Prior to the expiration of the current approval, the ECRN may request to be placed on inactive status. The request shall be made in writing to the EMS MD and the circumstances requiring the request.
 - 3.2. The EMS MD will review and grant or deny the request for inactive status.
 - 3.3. The EMS MD will verify that the ECRN has been examined physically and mentally and found capable of functioning within the System to return to active status.
 - 3.4. The ECRN's clinical skills must be at the active ECRN level and he/she has completed any refresher training deemed necessary by the EMS MD.
 - 3.5. If the inactive status was based on a temporary disability, the ECRN shall provide documentation to the EMS MD that the disability has ceased.
 - 3.6. During the inactive status, an individual shall not function as an ECRN.