





## Return to Field Patient Care/Extended Leave

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### I. Purpose:

To establish a standard for EMS providers with an active Washington State certification to return to providing field patient care in Kitsap County after a six (6) month or longer extended leave due to illness, injury, military service, or time in a non-patient care assignment/appointment.

### II. Policy:

Field providers shall complete a process of training and evaluation in order to return to full-provider privileges in Kitsap County after an extended leave of absence.

### III. Procedure:

After the EMS Office is notified of an impending return to duty after an extended leave, the following steps must be completed.

A. BLS providers shall regain their protocol privileges once they complete the first three steps:

1. The provider shall address any expired DOH credentials prior to any field-patient care.
2. The provider shall take and pass the current Kitsap County Protocol exam with a minimum score of 80%.
3. The provider shall become current with their CPR card/training.
4. Once the provider has regained their privileges, they shall arrange a training plan with the KCEMS training coordinator, and their fire chief/or their



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- designee. The plan will include the provider becoming current with the OTEP program's mandatory training requirements, as outlined in the *BLS Training and Recertification Policy*. This training shall be completed within 90 days and not exceed their expiration date.
5. The provider shall be assigned any field or competency evaluations per their district policy.
- B. ALS providers shall regain their protocol privileges once they complete the first three steps:
1. The provider shall address any expired DOH credentials before any field-patient care.
  2. The provider shall take and pass the current Kitsap County Protocol exam with a minimum score of 80%.
  3. The provider shall provide proof of current ACLS and PALS certifications.
  4. Once the provider has regained their privileges, they shall arrange a training plan with the KCEMS training coordinator, fire chief/or their designee. The plan will include the provider becoming current with the OTEP program's mandatory training requirements, as outlined in the *ALS Training and Recertification Policy*. This training shall be completed within 90 days and not exceed their expiration date.
  5. The provider shall be assigned any field or competency evaluations per their district policy.


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