

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 802

SUBJECT: ADVANCED EMT (AEMT) SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PURPOSE:

To define the Advanced EMT (AEMT) scope of practice in the S-SV EMS region.

AUTHORITY:

California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.107, 1797.171, 1797.160, 1797.214.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, Sections 100106, 100106.1, 100106.2.

POLICY:

- A. An Advanced EMT may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice of an EMT as identified in S-SV EMS policy Reference No. 801, 'EMT Scope of Practice'.
- B. A certified Advanced EMT or an Advanced EMT trainee, as part of an organized EMS system, while caring for patients in a hospital as part of their training or continuing education, under the direct supervision of a Physician or Registered Nurse, or while at the scene of a medical emergency or during transport, or during interfacility transfer is authorized to perform all of the following procedures:
 1. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of a perilaryngeal airway adjunct (Combitube, King Airway Device, etc.)
 2. Institute intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, needles or other cannulae (IV lines), in peripheral veins.
 3. Administer intravenous glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions, including Ringer's lactate solution.
 4. Obtain venous and/or capillary blood samples for laboratory analysis.
 5. Use a blood glucose measuring device.

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6. Administer the following medications in a route other than intravenous:
 - a. Sublingual nitroglycerine preparations
 - b. aspirin
 - c. glucagon
 - d. inhaled beta-2 agonist (bronchodilators)
 - e. activated charcoal
 - f. naloxone
 - g. epinephrine
 7. Intravenous administration of dextrose solutions.
- C. In addition to the activities authorized above, an individual previously certified as an EMT-II is authorized to perform the following optional skills:
1. Administer the following medications:
 - a. lidocaine hydrochloride
 - b. atropine sulfate
 - c. sodium bicarbonate
 - d. furosemide
 - e. epinephrine
 - f. morphine sulfate
 - g. benzodiazepines (midazolam)

2. Perform synchronized cardioversion and defibrillation.

Advanced EMTs who were not certified as EMT-IIs prior to the effective date of this policy are not eligible for accreditation in the scope of practice items listed in this section.

- D. During a mutual aid response into another jurisdiction, an Advanced EMT may utilize the scope of practice for which s/he is trained and certified according to S-SV EMS policies and procedures.
- E. The scope of practice of an Advanced EMT shall not exceed those activities authorized in this policy.