

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 804

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMR) SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PURPOSE:

To define the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) scope of practice in the S-SV EMS region.

AUTHORITY:

California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.176, 1797.182 & 1797.204.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

California EMS Authority Scope of Practice Position Statements, July 2010

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National EMS Scope Of Practice Model, February 2007

POLICY:

- A. While at the scene of an emergency or while assisting other EMS personnel during transport of the sick or injured, a certified EMR is authorized to do any of the following:
1. Evaluate the ill and injured
 2. Render basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients.
 3. Obtain diagnostic signs to include the assessment of temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness, and pupil status.
 4. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
 5. Use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids:
 - a. oropharyngeal airway;
 - b. nasopharyngeal airway;
 - c. manual or mechanical suction devices; and
 - d. manual ventilating devices designed for prehospital use (i.e. bag valve mask).

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6. Administer supplemental oxygen therapy by nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask or in conjunction with a manual ventilation device.
7. Use various types of stretchers and body immobilization devices.
8. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma.
9. Extricate entrapped persons.
10. Perform field triage.
11. Perform automated external defibrillation when authorized by an AED service provider.