


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

**Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) Scope Of Practice**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish the Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) scope of practice in the S-SV EMS region.

**AUTHORITY:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, § 1797.176, 1797.182 & 1797.204.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5.

**POLICY:**

- A. A PSFA provider, after completion of training and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the approved training provider for each skill listed in this section, is authorized to perform the following medical care while at the scene of an emergency or while assisting other EMS personnel during transport:
  - 1. Evaluate the ill and injured.
  - 2. Render basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients.
  - 3. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
  - 4. Perform automated external defibrillation (AED).
  - 5. Provide treatment for shock.
  - 6. Use any of the following techniques to support airway and breathing:
    - Manual airway opening methods, including head-tilt/chin-lift and/or jaw thrust.
    - Manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children and infants.
    - Use the recovery position.

7. Perform the following during emergency care:

- Spinal stabilization.
- Splinting of extremities (not to include the use of traction splinting devices).
- Emergency eye irrigation using water or normal saline.
- Assist with administration of oral glucose.
- Assist patients with administration of physician-prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone.
- Assist in emergency childbirth.
- Hemorrhage control using direct pressure, pressure bandages, principles of pressure points, approved hemostatic dressings and tourniquets.
- Chest seals and dressings.
- Simple decontamination techniques and use of decontamination equipment.
- Care for amputated body parts.
- Provide basic wound care.

8. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma.

9. Extricate entrapped persons.

10. Perform field triage.

B. In addition, PSFA personnel may use any or all of the following optional skills when functioning under the oversight of an S-SV EMS approved BLS optional skills provider, authorized by the BLS optional skills provider to use the optional skills and have received adequate training on the optional skills they have been authorized to utilize:

1. Administration of supplemental oxygen therapy using a non-rebreather face mask or nasal cannula, and bag-valve-mask ventilation in accordance with S-SV EMS policies/protocols.
2. Utilization of oropharyngeal airways (OPAs) and nasopharyngeal airways (NPAs) in accordance with S-SV EMS policies/protocols.
3. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis in accordance with S-SV EMS policies/protocols.
4. Administration of IN naloxone in accordance with S-SV EMS policies/protocols.
5. Administration of atropine and pralidoxime chloride by auto-injector in accordance with S-SV EMS policies/protocols.