


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

**BLS Optional Skills Base/Modified Base Hospital Medical Control**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish the requirements for base/modified base hospital medical control of Public Safety First Aid (PSFA), Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) personnel authorized to utilize any or all BLS optional skills.

**AUTHORITY:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, § 1797.200, 1798, 1798.2, 1798.104.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 1.5 and Chapter 2.

**POLICY:**

- A. An EMS prehospital service provider desiring to utilize any of the BLS optional skills listed in this policy must be approved by S-SV EMS, and continually meet all requirements set forth by state law/regulations and S-SV EMS policies related to the utilization of such skills.
- B. PSFA, EMR or EMT personnel must be functioning under the oversight of an S-SV EMS approved BLS optional skills provider in order to utilize any of the BLS optional skills listed in this policy.
- C. The following BLS optional skills may be authorized by S-SV EMS for use by Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) personnel in accordance with applicable S-SV EMS policies and treatment protocols:
  - 1. Administration of atropine and pralidoxime chloride by auto-injector.
  - 2. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector.
  - 3. Administration of intranasal (IN) naloxone.
  - 4. Administration of supplemental oxygen.
  - 5. Utilization of oropharyngeal airways (OPAs) and nasopharyngeal airways (NPAs).

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- A. The following BLS optional skills may be authorized by S-SV EMS for use by Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) personnel in accordance with applicable S-SV EMS policies and treatment protocols:
1. Administration of atropine and pralidoxime chloride by auto-injector.
  2. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector.
  3. Administration of intranasal (IN) naloxone.
- B. The following BLS optional skills may be authorized by S-SV EMS for use by Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) personnel in accordance with applicable S-SV EMS policies and treatment protocols:
1. Administration of atropine and pralidoxime chloride by auto-injector.
  2. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector.
  3. Administration of intranasal (IN) naloxone.
  4. Utilization of a size 3, 4, or 5 King LT or i-gel advanced airway device.

**PROCEDURE:**

The base/modified base hospital shall provide medical control for PSFA, EMR and/or EMT BLS optional skills authorized personnel which includes the following:

- A. Appointment of a physician medical director for monitoring the utilization of BLS optional skills. A registered nurse, paramedic and/or AEMT may assist the medical director with responsibilities of monitoring the BLS optional skills.
- B. Provide assistance with periodic training, skills proficiency demonstrations, organized field care audits, structured clinical experience and continuous quality improvement in compliance with S-SV EMS policies as necessary.

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

BLS Optional Skills Provider Approval/Requirements (477).