

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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TO: EMS Education Community, Local EMS Agencies, and Certifying Entities

FROM: Dave Duncan
MD Director

SUBJECT: REVISED POLICY TO IMPLEMENT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR REGARDING EMS LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND TRAINING

On the 16th day of August 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-12- 21, which states in part:

1) Paragraph 39(a) of Executive Order N-08-21 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text: Paragraph 3 of my State of Emergency proclaimed on March 4, 2020, shall remain in place and shall have full force and effect through December 31, 2021, after which time this provision shall be deemed expired.

Paragraph 3. Any out-of-state personnel, including, but not limited to, medical personnel, entering California to assist in preparing for, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide services in the same manner as prescribed in Government Code section 179.5, with respect to licensing and certification. Permission for any such individual rendering service is subject to the approval of the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority for medical personnel and the Director of the Office of Emergency Services for non-medical personnel and shall be in effect for a period not to exceed the duration of this emergency.

4) Paragraph 40(c) of Executive Order N-08-21 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text: Paragraph 4 of Executive Order N-25-20 shall remain in place and shall have full force and effect through December 31, 2021, after which time this provision shall be deemed expired.

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Paragraph 4. Notwithstanding Health and Safety Code section 1797.172(b), during this emergency, the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority shall have the authority to implement additions to local optional scopes of practice without first consulting with a committee of local EMS medical directors named by the EMS Medical Directors Association of California.

6) Paragraph 45(c) of Executive Order N-08-21 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text: Paragraph 6 of Executive Order N-39-20 shall remain in place and shall have full force and effect through December 31, 2021, after which time this provision shall be deemed expired.

Paragraph 6. To ensure the continued operation of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system without unduly endangering the people of California during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority may as necessary and only for the duration of the declared emergency, suspend any licensing, certification, or training requirements for EMS personnel as contained in the EMS Act Chapters 2, 3, and 4, and accompanying regulations, including the authority to permit EMS personnel to provide services in any setting as authorized by the Director for the performance of the current scope of practice. The Authority shall provide guidance to local emergency medical services authorities directing the appropriate qualifications and scope of practice for each classification operating under a waiver based on sound clinical guidelines and the individual's training, education, and work experience. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the Authority's website.

To implement the Governor's order waiving statutory and regulatory requirements for EMS and medical personnel to ensure the continued operation of emergency medical services, the EMS Authority is directing the California EMS System consisting of local EMS agencies, certifying entities, EMS providers and employers, paramedics, AEMTs and EMTs to implement the following actions through December 31, 2021:

1. EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics shall be allowed to perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites, in-home settings, or any additional setting approved by the director of the Authority for purposes of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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2. The requirement for a completed skills competency verification by EMTs for renewal or reinstatement is waived for the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency.
3. For the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency, EMT training programs may allow for the use of high-fidelity simulation, scenarios, or other innovative educational environments, during the 24 hours of clinical training that includes ten clinical contacts when approved by the EMT training program's approving authority.
4. For the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency, paramedic training programs with current paramedic students shall:
 - a. Inform students in writing of the need to extend clinical and/or field internship placement and an estimated timeline of the extension.
 - b. Allow for student participation in the use of high-fidelity simulation, scenarios, and other innovative educational environments as substitutes for the clinical and field internship training if approved in writing by the program medical director, program advisory committee and the paramedic training program provider approving authority in conjunction with CoAEMSP training and student terminal competency guidance.
 - c. Allow for students to use high-fidelity simulation to substitute 20 of the 40 required field internship patient contacts and 10 of the 20 required documented experiences performing the role of team lead.
 - d. Allow for students to substitute their required field internship to expand beyond a prehospital emergency setting within an organized EMS system to include healthcare settings that appropriate to the skills experience needed; including a minimum of 40 documented ALS patient contacts and 20 documented team leads when provided under an approved paramedic preceptor and approved in writing by the program medical director, program advisory committee and the paramedic program provider approving authority in conjunction with CoAEMSP training and student terminal competency guidance.

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- e. LEMSA's may elect to waive section 100150(h)(2) of Chapter 4 requiring that a paramedic have at least 2-years' experience before being qualified to serve as a paramedic preceptor, allowing for a minimum of 1-year experience; when the candidate paramedic preceptor is accredited with the LEMSA.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Nicole Mixon, Personnel Standards Manager, by phone at (916) 431-3690 or by email at Nicole.Mixon@emsa.ca.gov.