


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. HSC, Division 2.5, § 1797.200, 1798, 1798.2, 1798.104.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Chapters 1.5 and 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 or intramuscular (IM) injection.
 3. Administration of intranasal (IN) naloxone.
 4. Utilization of a size 3, 4, or 5 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. Assist 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.