



EMS Special Memorandum - #24-001

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To: Mendocino/ Sonoma County EMS Providers and System Stakeholders

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Re: Public Safety-First Aid Optional Skills Training Program Authorization

This Memorandum serves to outline the approved treatment provisions of the Title 22, Public Safety-First Aid (PSFA), Optional Scope under local medical control. The addition of the Optional Scope approvals identified in this Memorandum are aimed to improve overall response capabilities and treatment standards for our Public Safety-First Responders. Implementing the PSFA Optional Scope provisions aligns with our commitment to providing high-quality emergency care.

In addition to Title 22, Chapter 1.5 PSFA authorized skills, public safety personnel may perform the optional skills specified below once the public safety-first aid provider has demonstrated all training competencies with their provider agency as identified in Title 22, Chapter 1.5.

1. Administration of Oxygen
2. Oxygen therapy by non-rebreather mask, nasal cannula, and bag-valve mask
3. Insertion of Oropharyngeal and Nasopharyngeal airways
4. Epinephrine by auto-injector for anaphylaxis.
5. Naloxone intranasally for suspected opioid overdose

Training requirements:

1. Public Safety-First Aid agencies shall ensure First Responders receive initial PSFA training prior to providing any emergency patient care. Public Safety-First Aid agencies shall ensure that any responder providing patient care successfully completed an approved PSFA training program.
2. All Public Safety-First Aid responders shall possess a valid proof of CPR training that meets the requirements in Title 22, Public Safety-First Aid.
3. Public Safety-First Aid agencies shall ensure that First Responders successfully complete a Coastal Valleys EMS Agency approved PSFA refresher program every two years.

Agency Attestation:

PSFA agencies desiring LEMSA approval of an optional skills program shall provide a letter of attestation to the LEMSA verifying the agency is compliant with California Code of Regulations and LEMSA training requirements.

PSFA responders on duty with an approved optional skills PSFA agency shall utilize their skills in accordance with the BLS scope of practice medical direction in CVEMSA treatment guidelines.

This memorandum is valid for a period of one-year or until a Public Safety-First Aid Optional Scope policy is released. Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the content of this EMS Special Memo to CoastalValleysEMSAgency@sonoma-county.org