



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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TO: ALS Providers:
San Bernardino County

FROM: Reza Vaezazizi, M.D.
Medical Director 

SUBJECT: **POLICY REGARDING USING PARAMEDICS AS H1N1
VACCINATORS**

The Director of the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) has approved ICEMA's Request for Approval of Local Optional Scope of Practice for Influenza Vaccine to allow paramedics to vaccinate their agencies' EMS personnel **ONLY**.

Prior to administering the H1N1 vaccine, each paramedic provider agency must be preapproved by the EMS Agency Medical Director, Dr. Vaezazizi, and the County's Health Officer, Dr. Ohikuare. Approval to administer H1N1 vaccine may be granted on a case-by-case basis after ICEMA receives and evaluates the completed application package.

NOTE: THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT APPLY TO VACCINATING THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.

A completed application consists of the following:

1. A "request letter" on department letterhead signed by the Fire Chief or Chief Executive Officer.
2. The letter must advise the number of doses you have received, from what source, the names and accreditation numbers of paramedics who will be administering the vaccine, and the number of EMS personnel receiving the vaccine.

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3. Documentation of completion of “Just-in-Time” training by the paramedics who will be administering the vaccine. The **original copy** of the “Just-in-Time” sign-sheet must be returned with the request letter.
4. A statement in the request letter that accountability for record keeping is between the State Department of Health Services and your agency.
5. Agencies receiving vaccines from San Bernardino’s Department of Public Health (SBDPH) will be required by the Health Officer to sign a statement that accountability required for vaccine is transferred from SBDPH to your agency/city receiving the vaccine.

I will act promptly upon your requests, provided the procedure outlined above is followed. Request letters may be e-mailed to vhastings@cao.sbcounty.gov or faxed to (909) 388-5825.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Shimshy, EMS Nurse Specialist at (909) 388-5816 or sshimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov or Virginia Hastings, Executive Director.

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c: Health Officer