



# Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

*Serving San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties*

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**DATE:** September 1, 2009

**TO:** All Hospitals in San Bernardino County:  
CEO's  
ED Directors  
ED Medical Directors  
ED Nurse Managers  
PLNs

Emergency Medical Services (EMS):  
Fire Chiefs  
EMS Coordinators  
Ambulance Company CEO's

**FROM:** Reza Vaezazizi, MD, ICEMA Medical Director  
Maxwell Ohikhuare, MD, San Bernardino County Health Officer

**SUBJECT:** EMT-P AS VACCINATORS FOR THE 2009 VACCINE CAMPAIGN [090109-2]

There has been much discussion at the local, regional and State levels regarding the use of EMT-Ps as vaccinators in mass vaccination campaigns such as are planned for the Fall/Winter influenza season. ICEMA and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) have discussed this possibility at length and have determined the following:

- DPH remains the lead agency in the H1N1 Influenza emergency.
- EMS will provide support as necessary.
- ICEMA will submit an application to EMSA for an Expansion of Scope to allow EMT-Ps to be trained as potential vaccinators in the event that the County Health Officer, Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare and the EMS Medical Director, Dr. Reza Vaezazizi deem it necessary to utilize EMT-Ps in this manner.
- DPH and ICEMA will continue to monitor events as they unfold and provide information and/or guidance as it becomes available.

Please feel free to contact either Public Health or ICEMA if you have any questions or require additional information.

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