



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

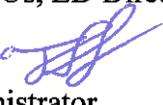
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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
Hospital CEOs, ED Directors, Nurse Managers and PLNs

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SUBJECT: **PARAMEDICS WORKING FOR NON-PARAMEDIC PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS**

California Code of Regulations, Title 22 and ICEMA Reference #1040 - EMT-P Accreditation allows a paramedic to perform any activity identified in the scope of practice of a paramedic while working for an approved paramedic service provider and as part of an organized EMS system. Paramedics are not authorized to practice as a paramedic in any other healthcare setting including a hospital emergency department or special event while not working for an authorized paramedic service provider.

The only exceptions are noted in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, §100146 - Scope of Practice of Paramedic, which states:

(c) A paramedic student or a licensed paramedic, as part of an organized EMS or system, while caring for patients in a hospital as part of his/her training or continuing education (CE) under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse, or physician assistant, or while at the scene of a medical emergency during transport, or during interfacility transfer, or while working in a small and rural hospital pursuant to §1797.195 of the Health and Safety Code.

Most hospitals in the ICEMA region do not meet the Health and Safety Code definition for a "small and rural hospital". Paramedics employed by hospitals, other than small and rural hospitals, and performing any activity as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, §100146 - Scope of Practice of Paramedic are in violation of this section and ICEMA Reference #1040 - EMT-P Accreditation and may be subject to disciplinary action against their paramedic license and accreditation.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Holk, RN, EMS Coordinator, at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at ron.holk@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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