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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: OUT OF STATE PARAMEDICS

ICEMA is aware of the current deployment of out of state paramedics by American Medical Response. The use of these paramedics should help solve some of the temporary staffing issues they have encountered and ensure there are adequate ambulances to transport patients throughout their catchment areas.

Use of out of state paramedics is approved as part of EMS mutual aid response. Criteria for use of mutual aid is further explained in the EMS Personnel Mutual Aid Compendium* issued by the State EMS Authority. Out of state paramedics may utilize the scope of practice as defined by the jurisdiction with whom they are licensed/certified or any limits placed on their scope of practice by the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) medical director.

To ensure that all out of state paramedics are able to practice safely and provide the highest level of care for patients within San Bernardino County, ICEMA requires that all out of county personnel have been authorized by the State EMS Authority and

- Are licensed by their sponsoring state and meets the standards of National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) as paramedics.
- Have completed an orientation that includes all Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) items (i.e. TXA and Ketamine) as well as all ICEMA standard orders, treatment protocols and policies.
- Have passed the ICEMA Paramedic Protocol Test and met other ICEMA requirements for local accreditation.
- Have completed twelve hours of sufficient supervised field evaluations to ensure that the paramedic is knowledgeable to function independently under local policies and procedures in the ICEMA region.

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As such, these out of state paramedics will be able to practice safely within the ICEMA system and have ICEMA's authority to administer all ICEMA approved medications and procedures including those defined Local Optional Scope of Practice such as TXA and Ketamine. Operational concerns regarding follow up and transition of care should proceed normally. Any additional concerns should be handled by the EMS field personnel or their employing entity. Any concerns or questions may be forwarded to the ICEMA Duty Officer at ICEMADutyOfficer@cao.sbcounty.gov.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ron Holk at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at ron.holk@cao.sbcounty.gov.

*<https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2020/02/Paramedics-Deployed-to-CA-EMS-Mutual-Aid-Compendium-2018.pdf>

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