

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: POLICY TO IMPLEMENT GOVERNOR NEWSOM STATE OF EMERGENCY
PROCLAMATION OF EMS PERSONNEL RESPONSE TO MONKEYPOX

On the 1st day of August 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency Proclamation in support of state preparation and response to the Monkeypox outbreak. Pursuant to this proclamation, the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) may waive any professional licensing, certification, and scope of practice of Chapter 2, 3 and 4 of Division 9 of the California Code of Regulations.

The following authorizations are in **effect for the duration of the emergency**.

Paramedic licensees are authorized to do the following:

- Perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites, in-home settings, or any additional setting (static sites) approved by the director of the EMSA for purposes of responding to the Monkeypox outbreak.
- Provide Monkeypox vaccinations to all persons eighteen (18) years of age and older based on U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines.
 - Participating local emergency medical service agencies (LEMSAs) shall continue to coordinate with local public health officials to ensure compliance and coordination with local vaccination programs. The LEMSAs shall ensure specialized

training is conducted, and treatment protocols are updated, for this special patient population. The training shall include, but not be limited to, allergy or anaphylaxis complications, and lateral thigh intramuscular injection site considerations. The LEMSAs shall also ensure local trainings, policies, and procedures are updated to reflect the Monkeypox vaccination modification to the scope of practice.

- LEMSAs shall have policies in place to ensure only paramedics or healthcare workers with a higher scope of practice are responsible for preparing vaccines for administration.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certified personnel are authorized to do the following with the LEMSA accreditation:

- Perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites, in-home settings, or any additional setting (static sites) for purposes of responding to the Monkeypox outbreak.
- Provide Monkeypox vaccinations to all persons eighteen (18) years of age and older based on U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines.
 - LEMSAs approved for AEMT and EMT Monkeypox vaccine administration shall limit AEMTs and EMTs to Monkeypox vaccine administration only. AEMTs and EMTs are not permitted to mix or draw up Monkeypox vaccines for administration.
 - Participating local emergency medical service agencies (LEMSAs) shall continue to coordinate with local public health officials to ensure compliance and coordination with local vaccination programs. The LEMSAs shall ensure specialized training is conducted, and treatment protocols are updated, for this special patient population. The training shall include, but not be limited to, allergy or anaphylaxis complications, and lateral thigh intramuscular injection site considerations. The LEMSAs shall also ensure local

trainings, policies, and procedures are updated to reflect the Monkeypox vaccination modification to the local scope of practice.

- o LEMSAs shall have policies in place to ensure only paramedics or healthcare workers with a higher scope of practice are responsible for preparing vaccines for administration. AEMTs and EMTs shall continue to administer the Monkeypox vaccines to patients and assist with other aspects of vaccine campaigns as defined in LEMSA policies and procedure.

For additional information or questions regarding scope of practice authorizations, please email the EMSA at scopeofpractice@emsa.ca.gov.