

Subject: Provider - BLS – First Responder/ Public Safety First Aid (PSFA)
Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) Adult and Pediatric

Associated Policies:

- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)
 - A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
 - B. California code of Regulations, Title 22
 - C. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures

- II. Purpose
 - A. To describe the provider approval process and use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) for their First Responder and PSFA providers.

- III. Policy
 - A. Only North Coast EMS agencies who are an approved optional skills provider may carry and employ Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®)
 - B. First Responder/ PSFA personnel must be authorized, trained and on duty to administer Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) to patients.
 - C. Prior to receiving North Coast EMS optional skills approval, the EMS agency must document that they staff has received the required training.
 - D. Agencies receiving optional skills approval are required to ensure that their personnel are trained to competency and receive periodic review.
 - E. Agencies receiving optional skill approval with ensure that personnel that have not received the training will not administer Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) for any reason.

- IV. Minimum Course Content for Optional Skills for the First Responder/ PSFA Agency (min 1 hour)
 - A. General Principles
 1. Scene size up and scene safety.
 2. Ensure appropriate EMS units have been requested.
 3. Identify signs of anaphylaxis or severe respiratory distress with a history of asthma.
 - B. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
 1. Identify cardiopulmonary arrest
 2. Identify respiratory arrest.
 3. Review airway and ventilation adjuncts.
 - C. Medication Administration
 1. Understanding the 5 Rights of medication administration.
 2. Review device use and principles
 3. Review Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) drug formulary
 4. Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) administration and side effects.
 - D. Patient Management after Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EpiPen®) use.
 - E. Documentation and Reporting.