

Subject: Scope of Practice/Procedure
 Public Safety First Aid Providers

Associated Policies:

- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references):
 - A. Section 1797.107, Health and Safety Code.
 - B. Reference: Sections 38 1797.176, 1797.182, 1797.183, and 1797.197.
 - C. Health and Safety Code; and Section 39 13518, Penal Code.
 - D. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures.

- II. Purpose:

To define the regional Public Safety First Aid Providers scope of practice.

- III. Procedure:

Public Safety First Aid Provider, after completion of training and demonstration of competency for each skill listed in this section, is authorized to perform medical care while at the scene of an emergency including, but not limited to, CPR and AED and may do the following:

 - A. Evaluate the ill and injured.
 - B. Provide treatment for shock.
 - C. Use the following techniques to support airway and breathing:
 1. Manual airway opening methods, including head-tilt chin-lift and/ or jaw thrust.
 2. Manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children, and infants.
 3. Use the recovery position.
 - D. Perform the following during emergency care:
 1. Spinal immobilization/Spinal motion Restriction.
 2. Splinting of extremities.
 3. Emergency eye irrigation using water or normal saline.
 4. Assist with administration of oral glucose.
 5. Assist patients with administration of physician-prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone.
 6. Assist in emergency childbirth.
 7. Hemorrhage control using direct pressure, pressure bandages, principles of pressure points, and tourniquets. Hemostatic dressings may be used from the list approved by the EMS Authority.
 8. Chest seals and dressings.
 9. Simple decontamination techniques and use of decontamination equipment.
 10. Care for amputated body parts.
 11. Provide basic wound care.
 12. Use oropharyngeal airways (OPAs) and nasopharyngeal airways (NPAs)
 13. Provide supplemental oxygen therapy using a nonrebreather mask or nasal cannula.
 14. Provide oxygen delivery and bag-valve-mask ventilation to nonbreathing patients.

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The authorized skills of a public safety first aid provider shall not exceed those activities authorized in this section.

IV. Optional Local Skills.

In addition to the above activities Public Safety personnel may perform the following optional skills specified in this section when the Public Safety First Aid Provider has been trained and tested and working for an approved agency.

- A. Administration of Intranasal Narcan for suspected narcotic overdose.
- B. Administration of adrenalin via EpiPen for anaphylaxis.

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