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To: EMS Stakeholders

From: Dr. Hernando Garzon, Medical Director 
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Subject: Clarification: SCEMSA Policy Change 2220.16- EMT
Scope of Practice

California Health and Safety Code, Title 22, Section 100062(d) states: "The local EMS agency shall develop and implement policies for the medical control and medical accountability of care rendered by the EMT. This shall include, but not be limited to, basic life support protocols, policies and procedures and documentation, which may include completing an electronic health record (EHR) that is compliant with the current versions of the California Emergency Medical Services Information System (CEMSIS) and the National Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (NEMSIS) standards."

An independent contractor performing the EMT Scope of Practice (SOP) is operating outside of medical control and does not meet the current requirements for medical control, documentation or CEMSIS standards as required by California Health and Safety Code. Therefore, a certified EMT is prohibited from performing the full EMT SOP as an independent contractor.

A certified EMT may be utilized as an independent contractor but can only perform skills at the first aid level.