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Behavioral Health Services
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County of Sacramento

Memorandum

Date: May 14 2020

To: Sacramento County EMS Agency Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)/ Operational Advisory Committee (OAC)

From: Sacramento County EMS Agency (SCEMSA)

Subject: ***Expanded EMT/Paramedic Optional Scope of Practice for nasopharyngeal specimen collection for COVID-19 suspected patients.***

Dear MAC / OAC Members,

SCEMSA received approval from the state EMS Authority for an expanded EMT/Paramedic Optional Scope of Practice for nasopharyngeal specimen collection for COVID-19 suspected patients during this pandemic emergency declaration. This will allow EMTs and paramedics to participate as part of a Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) work force for increased COVID-19 testing throughout the county.

Please note:

- Participation in the expanded optional scope is OPTIONAL.
- Any EMT or Paramedic participating in this program must do so only with the approval of their employer and under the direction of a SCPH testing program or sponsored site.
- This does not apply to private healthcare systems, commercial pharmacies, or other non-SCPH sites or programs.
- EMS provider agencies allowing their personnel to participate in a SCPH program must also maintain their full capability to respond to EMS emergency response calls.
- Training will be provided either directly by SCPH, or through a SCPH train-the-trainer trained instructor.
- There is no reimbursement funding for participation from SCPH or from federal or state disaster relief funds.

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Please reply to EMS Specialist Kathy Ivy by 12:00 pm on Monday, May 18, 2020, via email, if your agency is interested in participating in this program.

Please direct questions to Kathy Ivy at IvyK@saccounty.net or David Magnino at MagninoD@saccounty.net

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Garzon, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a distinct "G".

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