

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



Program Document: **Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Scope of Practice**

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Purpose:

- A. To establish the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) scope of practice in the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) region.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National EMS Scope of Practice.

Policy:

- A. A certified EMR is authorized to perform the following medical care while at the scene of an emergency or while assisting other EMS personnel during transport:
 - 1. Evaluate the ill and injured.
 - 2. Render basic life support, rescue, and emergency medical care to patients.
 - 3. Perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
 - 4. Perform Automated External Defibrillation (AED).
 - 5. Provide treatment for shock.
 - 6. Obtain diagnostic signs to include the assessment of temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness, and pupil status.
 - 7. Use any of the following techniques or devices to support airway and breathing:

- a. Manual airway opening methods, including head-tilt/chin-lift and/or jaw thrust.
 - b. Manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children and infants.
 - c. The recovery position.
 - d. An oropharyngeal airway.
 - e. A nasopharyngeal airway.
 - f. Manual or mechanical suction devices.
 - g. Manual ventilating devices designed for prehospital care (e.g., BVM).
8. Administer supplemental oxygen therapy using a nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask or in conjunction with a manual ventilation device.
9. Perform the following during emergency care:
- a. Spinal Motion Restriction.
 - b. Splinting of extremities (not including the use of traction splints).
 - c. Emergency eye irrigation using water or normal saline.
 - d. Assist with administration of oral glucose.
 - e. Assist patients with administration of physician-prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone.
 - f. Assist in emergency childbirth.
 - g. Hemorrhage control using direct pressure, pressure bandages, principles of pressure points, approved hemostatic dressings, and tourniquets.
 - h. Chest seals and dressings.
 - i. Simple decontamination techniques and use of decontamination equipment.
 - j. Care for amputated body parts.
 - k. Provide basic wound care.
10. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma.
11. Extricate entrapped persons.
12. Perform field triage.
13. When trained and tested to demonstrate competency and approved by the SCEMSA Medical Director, perform the following optional skills:
- a. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis.
 - b. Administration of naloxone for suspected narcotic overdose.