



Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Fresno County
Department of Public Health

MEMORANDUM

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TO: EMT Training Programs, Continuing Education Providers, Ambulance Agencies, and First Responders

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SUBJECT: Changes to EMT Regulations

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that the State EMS Authority implemented new EMT Regulations on July 1, 2017, that modify EMT certification/recertification, EMT CE, and also EMT training program curriculum. Please review these changes and make whatever changes need to be made in compliance with the EMT Regulations.

Below is a summary of the changes. While the list covers most of the changes, it is still strongly recommended that you review the new regulations and re-familiarize yourself with these requirements.

1. The EMT training course hours are increased from 160 hours to 170 hours to include the required instruction of naloxone (narcan), epinephrine, glucometer training, and tactical casualty care principles.
2. The use and administration of naloxone, epinephrine auto-injector, and glucometer requires EMS Agency approval.
 - a. Administration of epinephrine by drawing from a vial into a syringe is an optional scope and must be approved by the EMS Agency. This skill will require additional training hours and focused training.
3. The monitoring of pre-existing vascular access devices and IV lines delivering fluids with additional medications is no longer in the basic scope and has been moved to an optional skill and approved by the EMS Agency. This is currently approved and included in existing CCEMSA policies and procedures.

4. EMT Recertification still requires a skills competency verification form that has been modified to include naloxone and epinephrine administration.
5. A lapse in EMT certification of greater than 2 years no longer requires a retake of an entire EMT course. The regulations only identify a lapse of EMT certification greater than 12 months, which requires 48 hours of C.E., a new live scan, and successful completion of the National Registry written and skills exam. A valid CPR card is a requirement.
6. Beginning on July 1, 2019, an EMT renewing his/her EMT certification shall submit documentation of successful completion of training in the use and administration of naloxone, epinephrine auto-injector, and glucometer.

Additional information and frequently asked questions may be found here:

http://www.emsa.ca.gov/emt_frequently_asked_questions-2

Below is a link to the EMT Regulations that went into effect on July 1, 2017:

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Regulations>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (559) 600-3387.

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