

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC VACCINATOR PROGRAM

PURPOSE

This is an Addendum to *San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Policy 121B: ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) PUBLIC HEALTH MEDIC* that establishes policy for the use of specially trained ALS Public Health Medics to prepare, draw up, and/or administer vaccinations in response to the declared public health emergency in the State of California dated April 28, 2009. This policy is effective on approval of local policies and procedures by the State EMS Authority, and expires July 1, 2010.

AUTHORITY

- A. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.200 et seq, and 1798 (a); California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Social Security, Division 9, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services.
- B. California Emergency Medical Services Authority Authorization dated November 5, 2009 and expiring July 1, 2010.

POLICY

- A. The Paramedic Vaccinator Program is intended to provide specific guidelines and policies for Paramedics in San Luis Obispo County to prepare, draw up, and/or administer vaccinations in response to a declared public health emergency as specified above, and does not modify any other State or local policies, procedures, or protocols, unless specifically stated.
- B. An ALS Provider desiring to create a Paramedic Vaccinator Program under this Addendum shall comply with *San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Policy 121B: ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) PUBLIC HEALTH MEDIC*, and submit a written application for approval to the EMS Agency.
- C. Paramedics may only utilize the Paramedic Vaccinator Scope of Practice as part of an EMS Agency approved ALS Provider Paramedic Vaccinator Program.
- D. Proof of the Paramedic's completion of an ALS Provider Paramedic Vaccinator Program training course must be submitted to the EMS Agency prior to a Paramedic utilizing the Paramedic Vaccinator Scope of Practice.

- E. The EMS Agency may with good cause terminate an ALS Provider's Paramedic Vaccinator Program at any time for non-compliance with these policies and procedures.

PARAMEDIC VACCINATOR SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- A. Paramedics may prepare, draw up, and/or administer influenza vaccine following accepted medical practice for vaccination. Such vaccine may be of the injectable or nasal type, and may be H1N1 or seasonal influenza vaccine.
- B. Administration must be conducted in a setting supervised by an authorized Public Health worker, and may be conducted at any suitable location.
- C. The Public Health Department is responsible for procurement of the vaccine, as well as for oversight of vaccine handling and storage, and quality assurance of the documentation and review of medical screening information of individuals to be vaccinated.
- D. Administration must be made only to those persons suitable to receive influenza vaccine of the type being given, and an approved screening mechanism supervised by the Public Health Department must be in place and enforced to prevent inappropriate vaccine administration.

PROCEDURES

- A. An ALS Provider desiring to create a Paramedic Vaccinator Program under this Addendum shall submit a written application for approval to the EMS Agency that includes the following:
 - 1. The scope and duration of the program.
 - 2. A plan for training personnel that includes:
 - a. The State EMS Authority "Just-In-Time Paramedic Vaccination Program" training curriculum.
 - b. A skills practice and demonstration session with a Paramedic Field Training Officer or Registered Nurse.
 - 3. A plan for documenting all services and procedures performed under the program.
 - 4. An outline of the Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement mechanism to be used for the duration of the program.
- B. An ALS Provider approved by the EMS Agency to provide a Paramedic Vaccinator Program under this addendum shall submit to the EMS Agency the following written documentation:
 - 1. Training course content and class rosters.
 - 2. Training course completion records for each Paramedic in the program.
 - 3. An after-action report at the conclusion of the declared emergency, and/or at such times as may be requested by the EMS Agency Medical Director and/or County Public Health Officer. This report shall be comprised of information and data as requested by the EMS Agency Medical Director and/or County Public Health Officer.