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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.