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I. INTENT:

This program document outlines the scope of practice of Emergency Medical Technician - I (EMT-I) personnel practicing in Sacramento County. Any activity conducted outside this established scope of practice places the individual's certificate at risk for certification review in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6.


II. AUTHORITY:

- A. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Ch. 4, Art. 1, §1797.220; Ch. 5, §1798(a,b) and §1798.2.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Ch. 2, Art. 2, §100063.

III. POLICY:

During training, while at the scene of an emergency, and during transport of sick or injured, or during interfacility transfer, a supervised EMT-I trainee or certified EMT-I is authorized to do any of the following:

- A. Evaluate the ill and injured.
- B. Render basic life support, rescue and first aid to patients.
- C. Obtain diagnostic signs including temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness, and pupil status.
- D. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of mechanical adjuncts to basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators (AED).
- E. Use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids:
 - 1. oropharyngeal airway;

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2. nasopharyngeal airway;
 3. suction devices;
 4. basic oxygen delivery devices; and
 5. manual and mechanical ventilating devices designed for prehospital use.
- F. Use various types of stretchers and body immobilization devices. This does not include using pneumatic anti-shock trousers as an immobilization device.
- G. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma.
- H. Extricate entrapped persons.
- I. Perform basic field triage.
- J. Transport patients.
- K. Assist an Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic in the pretreatment set up for Advanced Life Support procedures.
- L. Manage patients within their scope of practice.
- M. Administer oral glucose or sugar solutions.
- N. Monitor peripheral lines delivering intravenous glucose solution without medication or isotonic balanced salt solutions without medication, including Ringers lactate for volume replacement.
- O. Transfer a patient, who is deemed appropriate for transfer by the transferring physician, and who has a nasogastric tube, gastrostomy tube, other drainage tubes (excluding thoracostomy and external ventriculostomy), heparin locks, foley catheters, tracheostomy tubes and/or indwelling vascular access lines, excluding arterial lines.
- P. Transfer a patient that has a physician prescribed, locked down, patient operated medication pump.