

# 2005 Special Event

## I. PURPOSE

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic Program:
  - 1. Is an optional prehospital advanced life support program administered by the LEMSA through authorized local ALS providers. The program functions as an extension to State and LEMSA rules, regulations, policies, protocols, and operates under medical control and authority of the LEMSA Medical Director.
  - 2. Is intended to provide expedient ALS response to incidents that may occur at special events within the LEMSA region prior to ALS transport unit scene arrival.
  - 3. Shall not be construed, interpreted or allowed to replace or modify in any way ALS transportation resources required by contract between the LEMSA and ALS providers.
  - 4. Shall coordinate appropriate notification, response, communications, and utilization of local EMS resources.

## II. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic:
  - 1. Is authorized to provide prehospital ALS within the scope of practice allowed by the State of California and the LEMSA.

## III. PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

- A. To be an ALS Special Use Medic provider the following requirements shall be met:
  - 1. Existing ALS provider authorized by the LEMSA;
  - 2. Have and maintain an ALS Special Use Medic training program which complies with the provisions of these policies and procedures;
  - 3. Have and maintain the appropriate equipment and supplies;
  - 4. Have and maintain a quality improvement program
  - 5. Have and maintain records and reports per LEMSA policy

## IV. QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic shall have and maintain active Coastal Valleys EMS paramedic accreditation.
- B. An ALS Special Use Medic shall receive training in ALS Special Use Medic policies and procedures, ALS Special Use Medic scope of practice, communications systems and EMS resource utilization before being authorized to operate in an ALS Special Use Medic capacity. The ALS Special Use Medic provider must provide the training.
- C. The ALS Special Use Medic provider shall maintain records of personnel that have completed ALS Special Use Medic training.

## V. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic provider shall ensure appropriate deployment and utilization of ALS Special Use Medic Program.
- B. The ALS Special Use Medic provider shall develop a pre-event plan, based on the specific special event, which defines ALS Special Use Medic staffing, transportation method to be used, hours of coverage, communications, area resources, incident reporting, and procedures for requesting

additional resources. All assigned Special Use Medic personnel shall be provided a briefing in the pre-event plan for the special event.

- C. Non-emergent activity, movement and positioning of an ALS Special Use Medic shall be at the discretion of the ALS Special Use Medic provider.
- D. An ALS Special Use Medic provider shall only provide the ALS Special Use Medic Program for special events where area crowds, roadways, and general access would significantly delay response time of a conventional ambulance.

## **VI. SCENE OPERATIONS**

- A. ALS first responder capacity (meaning the ALS Special Use Medic) is the first medical unit or first ALS level personnel arriving at scene:
- B. In a first responder capacity, the ALS Special Use Medic is expected to assume patient health care responsibility and/or medical group operations responsibility. Under normal conditions, if the ALS Special Use Medic is the first unit arriving at the scene of an emergency incident involving a multi-agency response, the ALS Special Use Medic would assume incident commander responsibility until a public agency arrives, then the ALS Special Use Medic would automatically transition into medical group supervisor responsibility.
- C. The ALS Special Use Medic is expected to establish medical control, complete scene and patient assessment and initiate BLS/ALS patient treatment intervention according to LEMSA policies, procedures, and protocols, as the patient condition necessitates.
- D. The ALS Special Use Medic continues providing on scene patient care and maintains patient health care authority until an ALS ambulance arrives and transfers patient care responsibility to the ALS ambulance paramedic.
- E. The ALS Special Use Medic Program shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, the use of bicycles (mountain bikes), all terrain vehicles, motorcycles, med-carts, and horseback.
- F. The ALS Special Use Medic provider shall be responsible to provide all equipment and supplies in accordance with these policies that are mechanically sound, properly configured, and safe to operate within the ALS Special Use Medic role.

## **VII. EMS RESOURCE UTILIZATION**

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic shall be responsible for prudent notification, response and efficient utilization of all EMS resources to be used at the scene of an incident at which the paramedic was the first responder.

## **VII. DOCUMENTATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic provider shall develop a pre-event plan based on the specific special event, which defines ALS Special Use Medic staffing, transportation method to be used, hours of coverage, communications, area resources, incident reporting, and procedures for requesting additional resources. All assigned Special Use Medic personnel shall be provided a briefing in the pre-event plan for the special event.
- B. The ALS Special Use Medic shall complete a Patient Care Record for every patient contact.
- C. The ALS Special Use Medic provider shall provide ALS Special Use Medic pre-event plans, related data and/or ALS Special Use Medic program evaluations to the LEMSA upon request.

## **VIII. REQUIRED ALS SPECIAL USE MEDIC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

- A. The ALS Special Use Medic and ALS Special Use Medic provider shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all ALS Special Use Medic inventory. ALS Special Use Medic inventory shall also be subject to inspection by the LEMSA.
- B. The ALS Special Use Medic shall have, at the minimum, the entire ALS Special Use Medic inventory items listed in the Response and Transport policies.
- C. "Special Event" for the purposes of this policy is any planned and organized event where an ALS service provider utilizes its personnel and resources to provide stand-by dedicated EMS services to the participants and attendees of the event.
- D. To define the process by which a paramedic service provider may utilize paramedics under this policy and obtain special event accreditation.
- E. "Stand-by EMS" Services for the purposes of this policy is the utilization of personnel and resources to provide EMS services above regular staffing levels which are dedicated to the event and not expected to be available to respond to incidents unrelated to the event.

**IX. Special Event Paramedic Accreditation**

- A. Requirements for accreditation under this policy
  - 1. Paramedics seeking accreditation under this policy shall:
    - 2. Be currently employed by an ALS service provider in another LEMSA jurisdiction
    - 3. Be employed by the approved LEMSA service provider during the special event.
    - 4. Hold a current and valid California paramedic license and valid accreditation issued by a LEMSA.
    - 5. Have completed all employer agency training requirements with current ALS service provider employer
- B. Application process
  - 1. The ALS service provider will notify the LEMSA via the approved application process, at least 10 business days prior to the event. The application shall provide the following information at a minimum:
    - a. The name of the special event
    - b. Dates of the special event
    - c. Description of event and geographic area involved
    - d. Name and license number of special event paramedic applicant.
    - e. Attestation of completion of employer agency training requirements.
    - f. LEMSA Special Event Paramedic fee will apply to the Special Event Limited Accreditation credential per applicant and shall be due at the time of paramedic application.
- C. Approval of temporary accreditation paramedics by the LEMSA
  - 1. The LEMSA will provide verification of approval to the paramedic service provider for all staff authorized to serve as a special event paramedic.
  - 2. Effective accreditation dates shall not exceed thirty (30) consecutive calendar days.
- D. Scope of practice under this policy
  - 1. Paramedics accredited under this policy shall be limited to the paramedic basic scope of practice outlined in Title 22, CCR.
  - 2. Paramedics accredited under this policy shall not use optional scope of practice skills or medications.
- E. Orientation and deployment criteria
  - 1. The service provider shall provide orientation to temporary accredited personnel appropriate to the needs of the work environment and deployment. Orientation should include, at a minimum, the following topics:
    - a. LEMSA medical control policy
    - b. Limitation to providing basic scope of practice as outlined in Title 22, CCR

- c. Location of hospitals
  - d. Base hospital contact procedures and means of hospital contact including 12-Lead transmission
  - e. MCI Plan overview
  - f. Access to LEMSA Treatment Guidelines
  - g. Patient Care Report requirements and utilization of the provider's e-PCR system
  - h. Radio frequencies and radio procedures
  - i. Equipment orientation
2. Paramedics utilized under this policy shall be assigned to work with either an EMT who has completed any probationary period or a regularly accredited LEMSA paramedic.
  3. A paramedic utilized under this policy shall be assigned to work at the special event and shall not be assigned to work on a unit with 911 system responsibilities.
  4. The paramedic service provider shall provide a report to the LEMSA within five (5) business days outlining the number of paramedics actually used at the event, patient care provided by the temporary paramedic, and any concerns raised related to use of this policy.

Effective Date