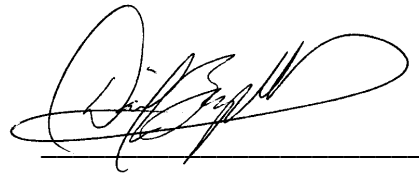


EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

FIELD POLICY

Effective: January 1, 2017



EMS Agency Medical Director

Optional Scope EMT Skills

Purpose:

To standardize the skills identified as expanded scope used and provide a method for annual evaluation of all El Dorado County Agency certified Expanded Scope EMT's ability to safely, efficiently and accurately perform them.

Authority:

Title 22, chapter 2, §100063 and §100064

Definitions:

Expanded Scope Skills: Those skills, identified below, that are performed in the prehospital setting in El Dorado County. If the EMT leaves the county they will practice under the EMT Basic scope of practice only.

- A. EMT Expanded Scope Skills
 - a. Administration of EpiPen
 - b. Administration of Over the Counter Medications (OTC)
 - c. Use of King Airway Device
 - d. Naloxone (Narcan)

POLICY:

- A. Each BLS/ALS service provider in El Dorado County shall verify that every EMT in their agency has successfully completed the assigned curriculum and training on expanded scope skills at least once every 12 months. An extension to the 12 month requirement resulting from special circumstances may be individually approved by the El Dorado County EMS Agency upon request.
- B. These skills will be verified by successful performance in a structured training environment.
- C. Skills competency shall be verified by one of the following personnel:
 - a. BLS/ALS service provider's CQI Coordinator or their designee:

- i. Training Coordinator
 - ii. Field Training Officer
 - b. Service provider's Medical Director
 - c. Base Prehospital Coordinator or their designee
- D. BLS/ALS Service providers shall utilize the El Dorado County EMS Expanded Scope Skills Verification of Maintenance checklists for evaluating skills competency.
- E. All EMS training modules will be given to Field Training Officers or Training Coordinators. These will be provided by the El Dorado EMS Agency and need to be followed in an instructor based format (i.e. – structured classroom or one on one setting). All EMT's need to complete training before they are allowed to implement these expanded skills. EMT personnel are encouraged to complete this training as appropriate but this is not a mandatory requirement for BLS personnel.
- F. BLS/ALS service providers shall maintain documentation of skills competency and regional training module completion for each EMT for a period not less than (4) years.
 - a. The El Dorado EMS Agency Skills competency/ Regional Training Module Verification Summary shall be used for documenting the completion of these requirements.
 - b. Documentation of skills competency and regional training module completion is subject to audit by the El Dorado EMS Agency. Any EMT who is determined to not have current skills verification and/or regional training module completion documentation on file will not be allowed to function as an Expanded scope EMT until they have completed the required skills verification and/or regional training module.