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EMS in California 30 Years After SB 125

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How Far Have We Come?



Your view may depend on how your local EMS system is "modeled"...

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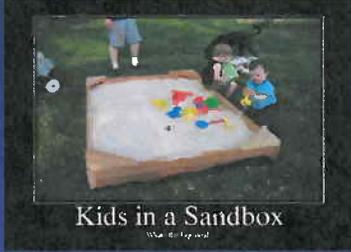
Who is EMSAAC?

- ▶ Not-for-profit corporation formed in 1992 to represent all Local EMS Agencies in California
- ▶ Member agencies are responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating county/regional EMS systems
- ▶ As authorized in statute, LEMSAs are partners in governance with the State EMS Authority



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The "Sandbox" Model



Kids in a Sandbox
What it's like

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EMSAAC's Mission

To provide EMS system leadership within the state and to foster excellence in all aspects of emergency specialty care services. We are a leading advocate for the development and maintenance of safe, effective, patient-oriented, community-based EMS systems.

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The "Partnership" Model



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The Intent of SB 125

- ▶ To create a statutory framework for coordination and oversight of EMS systems in California
- ▶ To establish a two-tiered (i.e., state and local) model for EMS governance in California
- ▶ To accommodate a transition for existing EMS providers to be integrated into a local EMS system

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What exactly is "Medical Control" ?

- ▶ Broadly defined in the EMS Act:
 - ▶ **1797.90** "*Medical control*" means the medical management of the emergency medical services system pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 1798).

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Where Do We Sometimes Disagree?

- ▶ The scope of medical control intended under the EMS Act
- ▶ The scope of administration of prehospital EMS for 201-eligible cities and fire districts
- ▶ The impact of provider agreements on 201-eligible cities and fire districts

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What exactly is "Medical Control" ?

- ▶ Additional references in the Act:
 - ▶ **1798. (a)** *The medical direction and management of an emergency medical services system shall be under the medical control of the medical director of the local EMS agency. This medical control shall be maintained in accordance with standards for medical control established by the authority.*
 - ▶ **1797.202 (a)** *Every LEMSA shall have a... Medical Director... to provide medical control and assure medical accountability throughout the planning, implementation and evaluation of the EMS system.*

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Medical Control by LEMSAs



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Administration of Prehospital EMS by 201 Entities



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What exactly is "Administration of Prehospital EMS" ?

- ▶ Not defined in the statute
- ▶ Limited to qualified cities and fire districts only
- ▶ Intended scope of this authority is unclear
 - Context suggests administrative oversight necessary to continue providing prehospital EMS at existing pre-stature levels
- ▶ Integration of these existing services with the "new model" thru agreements was anticipated

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And Regulation

100167. Paramedic Service Provider
 (b) *An approved paramedic service provider shall:*
 (4) *Have a written agreement with the local EMS agency to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable State regulations and local policies and procedures, including participation in the local EMS agency's QIP as specified in Chapter 12 of this Division.*

Title 27, Division 9, Chapter 4, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic

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Provider Agreements

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Advantages of Agreements

- ▶ They are the way counties, cities and fire districts normally conduct business
- ▶ They can specify mutual obligations and include a remedy for breach
- ▶ They can mitigate potential impacts of unilateral changes in authority or responsibilities by either party

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Anticipated in Statute...

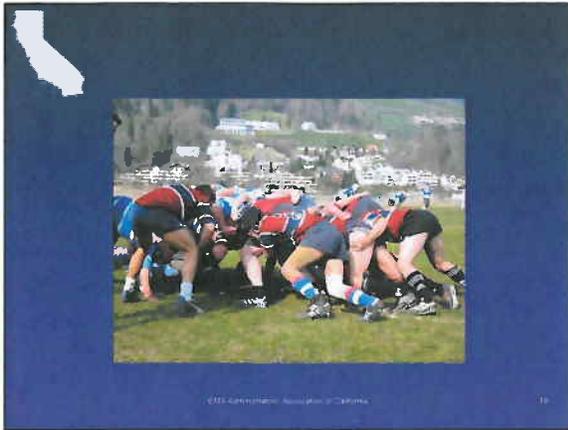
1797.204
The local EMS agency shall plan, implement, and evaluate an emergency medical services system, in accordance with the provisions of this part, consisting of an organized pattern of readiness and response services based on public and private agreements and operational procedures.

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5

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Is It All About "Control"?

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Recommendations (cont.)

4. Consider the use of written agreements as a tool to clarify matters of local control, authority and system integration
5. Ensure that all local stakeholders are invited to participate in the process to develop LEMSA policies, protocols and plans.
6. Let the courts interpret the law

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Other Factors

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Let's Invest Wisely

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Recommendations

1. Promote a "partnership model" for your local EMS system
2. Acknowledge each stakeholder as essential to the delivery of quality patient care in your EMS system
3. Commit to effective conflict resolution

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Thank You

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