

First Aid**EMR****EMT****AEMT****Paramedic**

Epinephrine Auto-injectors (April 2015)

<p>Item: Use of epinephrine auto-injectors for anaphylaxis.</p>
<p>Classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Advanced Life Support Drug Treatment Specified in existing regulations.
<p>Use and Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized for first aid trained public safety personnel: (1) to assist the patient with their own physician prescribed auto- injector, and (2) as an optional skill when authorized by the Medical Director of the Local Emergency Medical Service Agency. Authorized for EMTs: (1) to assist the patient with their own physician prescribed auto-injector and (2) as an optional skill when authorized by the Medical Director of the Local Emergency Medical Service Agency. Authorized for AEMT Authorized for Paramedic as part of the basic scope of practice.
<p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 100063(a)(16) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations refers to EMTs providing assistance to patients with the administration of physician prescribed devices, including but not limited to, patient operated medication pumps, sublingual nitroglycerin, and self-administered emergency medications, including epinephrine devices. Section 100064(d) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations refers to EMTs providing administration of epinephrine by auto-injector or preloaded syringe for suspected anaphylaxis and/or severe asthma. Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that an AEMT may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT. Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.
<p>Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.</p>
<p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of auto-injectors by EMTs (such as Epi-Pens) is required. Equipment approved by the medical director of the local EMS agency.
<p>Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).</p>
<p>Considerations and Recommendations: Does not include delivering epinephrine by any means other than by auto-injector</p>