**DATE**

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 **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LOCAL OPTIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

1. **Proposed Medication/Skill:**

COVID-19 testing sample collection for EMTs and Paramedics

1. **Description of medical condition for which the medication will be utilized**:

COVID-19 prevention, during declared local public health emergency

1. **Alternative:**

COVID-19 testing sample collection by registered nurses

1. **Estimate of frequency of utilization**:

Unknown, but anticipate for POD campaigns, drive-up testing sites, and other pandemic testing scenarios. We anticipate this will be exercised by a subset of specially trained EMTs and paramedics.

1. **Other factors or exceptional circumstances:**

Declared local public health emergency. Surveillance indicates cases are increasing. The LEMSA’s public health nurse staff has been collecting testing samples. As the COVID-19 cases increase, County administration is hiring temporary nursing staff and activating the Medical Reserve Corp.

1. **Any supporting data, including relevant studies and medical literature:**

EMTs and paramedics are trained on airway assessment and basic airway procedures, as well as personal protective equipment.

1. **Recommended policies/procedures to be instituted regarding**:
* **Use -** See treatment guideline.
* **Medical Control –** Treatment guidelines, audit.
* **Treatment Protocols –** Just-in-Time training will be provided
* **Quality assurance of the procedure or medication –** Per LEMSA QI policy
1. **Description of the training and competency testing required to implement the procedure or medication.**

EMTs and paramedics will be provided JIT training. Administrative staff will assist with proper documentation logs.

1. **Copy of the local EMS System Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program plan for this request.**
* On file with EMSA
* LEMSA Quality Improvement Plan

Sincerely,

*LEMSA MEDICAL DIRECTOR*

*LEMSA ADDRESS*