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

**1. Proposed Medication/Skill:**

Phlebotomy by Paramedics in a static site.

Administering prescribed Ocular, Transdermal, Inhaled, PO, IV, IM or SQ medications by Paramedics in a static site.

Dispensing of prescribed medications from bubble packs or multidose containers by Paramedics in a static site.

Assisting patients with taking prescription PO medications by EMTs in a static site.

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

COVID-19 response while staffing alternative care sites, long term care facilities or similar, during declared local public health emergency

**3. Alternative:**

Severe delays in patient care and medication administration

**4. Estimate of frequency of utilization:**

Unknown, but anticipate for increased need as number of cases, and facilities with outbreaks continue to grow. Also anticipate increased need as alternative care sites are established.

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

The current declared National, State and local public health emergency related to COVID-19. Surveillance indicates cases are still increasing. The county’s public health nurse staffing is limited due to workload and illness. A significant delay in procuring replacement staffing has been identified whereas EMTs and Paramedics are readily available.

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

EMTs and paramedics are familiar with medications as they are often reviewed during routine and emergent transport of patients. EMTs and Paramedics are already allowed to assist patients with administration of MDIs which is non-invasive like PO administration.

Paramedics have been approved to administer prescribed medications in a comfort pack through Ventura County’s 911 Hospice Call Community Paramedic Pilot Program with great efficacy and success.

Paramedics have been approved to dispense medications from bubble packs and multidose containers through Ventura County’s Directly Observed Tuberculosis Therapy Community Paramedic Pilot Program with great efficacy and success.

Paramedics are trained to administer medications through Inhaled, IV, IM, SQ and PO routes. Transdermal and Ocular administration is common with OTC medications and can be easily learned through JIT training.

Ocular Medication Administration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6prjTrzJAvg>

Transdermal Medication Administration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aiTrC5UVSo>

**7. Recommended policies/procedures to be instituted regarding:**

**Use –** Existing Prescriptions.

**Medical Control –** Existing prescriptions. Clinical Oversight by onsite MD, PA, NP, or RN.

**Treatment Protocols –** Just-in-Time training will be provided

**Quality assurance of the procedure or medication –** Per Facility QI policy

**8. Description of the training and competency testing required to implement the procedure or medication.**

EMTs and paramedics will be provided JIT training. An MD, PA, NP, or RN will provide oversight and assure proper documentation is maintained.

**9.** **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*