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**DATE:** July 6, 2021  
**TO:** Local EMS Agency Administrators and Medical Directors  
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Director, Emergency Medical Services Authority  
**Subject: Termination of Emergency Local Optional Scope of Practice Requests**

The EMS Authority is preparing for Executive Order N-25-20, issued by Governor Newsome on March 4, 2020 to support COVID-19 response, to be terminated. The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance for emergency Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) requests post executive order.

All emergency LOSOP requests approved by the EMS Authority under the current executive order will be terminated on September 30, 2021. Local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSA) that wish to continue these practices beyond the termination date shall submit a standard LOSOP application to the EMS Authority for review as required in Health and Safety Code section 1797.172(b). All approved requests will be valid for three (3) years.

**COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Local Optional Scope of Practice Requests**

All LEMSAs that wish to continue the administration of COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations to patients twelve (12) years of age and older are encouraged to submit the template vaccination LOSOP application developed by the EMS Authority. Submission of this application will allow the LEMSAs' current vaccination administration procedures and training to remain in place for emergency medical technicians (EMT), Advanced EMTs (AEMT), and accredited paramedics. Use of the template application ensures consistency of vaccine administration throughout the state and allows for timely approval. LEMSAs that request to expand the age range of patients for vaccinations shall submit a separate LOSOP application with additional trainings and procedures for consideration.

**Other Emergency Local Optional Scope of Practice Requests**

LEMSAs that wish to continue other LOSOP requests approved under the executive order, such as COVID-19 testing, shall submit a LOSOP application, trainings, and procedures to the EMS Authority so each may be considered on an individual basis. LOSOP requests to allow EMTs and paramedics to practice skills at static sites will not be considered.

## **Local Optional Scope of Practice Requests Submissions Deadline**

To ensure compliance and to prevent gaps in service, LEMSAs that wish to receive approval prior to current LOSOPs expiring shall submit LOSOP applications to the EMS Authority by August 6, 2021. This will allow ample time for review by the EMS Medical Directors Association of California, Scope of Practice Committee and the EMS Authority Medical Director.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Austin Trujillo of my staff by phone at (916) 431-3727 or by email at [Austin.Trujillo@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Trujillo@emsa.ca.gov).