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**TO:** Local EMS Agency Administrators and Medical Directors

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**Subject:** Expanded Scope of Practice Extensions – Static Sites and Alternate Destinations

This memo extends the authorization of emergency medical service (EMS) personnel to continue the following scope of practices pursuant to Governor's Office (GO) Executive Order (EO) [N-21-21](#) dated November 10, 2021:

- Paramedic licensees are authorized to transport patients to medical facilities other than acute care hospitals when approved by the EMS Authority; and
- current authorization for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), and Paramedic personnel to provide services in any setting.

Local EMS agencies who choose to continue utilization of these extended scope of practices will not be required to submit a new Local Optional Scope of Practice application. The termination date of this expanded scope is **March 31, 2022**.

The applicable authorities are as followed:

The EO [N-21-21](#) states:

1. *The timeframes set forth in EO [N-12-21](#), paragraphs 1 through 6, are hereby extended through March 31, 2022.*

The EO [N-12-21](#), issued by Governor Newsom on August 16, 2021, paragraphs 4 and 6 state:

- 4) *Paragraph 40(c) of EO [N-08-21](#) is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text: Paragraph 4 of EO [N-25-20](#) shall remain in place and shall have full force and effect through December 31, 2021, after which time this provision shall be deemed expired.*

Paragraph 4 of EO [N-25-20](#) states: *[n]otwithstanding Health and Safety Code section 1797.172(b), during the course of this emergency, the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority shall have the authority to implement additions to local optional scopes of practice without first consulting with a committee of local EMS medical directors named by the EMS Medical Directors Association of California.*

6) Paragraph 45(c) of EO [N-08-21](#) is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text: Paragraph 6 of EO [N-39-20](#) shall remain in place and shall have full force and effect through December 31, 2021, after which time this provision shall be deemed expired.

Paragraph 6 of EO [N-39-20](#) states: *[t]o ensure the continued operation of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system without unduly endangering the people of California during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority may as necessary and only for the duration of the declared emergency, suspend any licensing, certification, or training requirements for EMS personnel as contained in the EMS Act Chapters 2, 3, and 4, and accompanying regulations, including the authority to permit EMS personnel to provide services in any setting as authorized by the Director for the performance of the current scope of practice. The Authority shall provide guidance to local emergency medical services authorities directing the appropriate qualifications and scope of practice for each classification operating under a waiver based on sound clinical guidelines and the individual's training, education, and work experience. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the Authority's website.*

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