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SUBJECT: POLICY UPDATE: PARAMEDIC LOCAL OPTIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE (LOSOP) RENEWAL PROCESS

To expedite the renewal of expiring LEMSA paramedic LOSOP approvals, the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), in collaboration with the Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Association of California's (EMDAC) Scope of Practice Committee, has updated the EMSA Paramedic LOSOP Approval policy. Effective immediately, LEMSAs who submit a written and complete paramedic LOSOP renewal request that is identified as having minimal to no change in protocol(s), procedure(s), or medication(s) may be approved without consultation by the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee. A written and complete request shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- the utilization of the procedure(s) or medication(s),
- beneficial effects,
- adverse reactions or complications,
- statistical evaluation,
- general conclusion, and
- whether there are any changes to the LOSOP protocol(s), procedure(s), or medication(s).

LEMSAs who have outstanding LOSOP renewal requests, submitted to EMSA with minimal to no changes, shall receive renewal approval letters within the next seven (7) to ten (10) business days.

For additional information, or to ask questions regarding scope of practice authorizations, please contact EMSA at scopeofpractice@emsa.ca.gov.