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**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) & LAW
ENFORCEMENT INITIAL TRAINING GUIDELINES: NALOXONE**

AUTHORITY:

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 100075, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

PURPOSE/POLICY:

To establish initial training guidelines for administration of naloxone for EMTs and law enforcement personnel.

I. INITIAL TRAINING GUIDELINES

- A. Initial training in the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonist will result in EMT and law enforcement personnel being competent in the administration of naloxone and managing a patient of a suspected narcotic overdose and shall include the following topics and skills:
1. Common causative agents.
 2. Patient assessment and relevant findings.
 3. Management to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Need for appropriate personal protective equipment and scene safety awareness.
 4. Profile of naloxone to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Indications;
 - b. Contraindications;

- c. Side/adverse effects;
 - d. Routes of Administration;
 - i. EMTs may administer naloxone by the intranasal (IN) or intramuscular (IM) routes.
 - ii. Law enforcement personnel may administer naloxone by the IN route only.
 - e. Dosages;
 - i. Calculating drug dosages.
 - f. Mechanisms of drug action;
 - g. Medical asepsis;
 - h. Disposal of contaminated items and sharps;
 - i. Medication administration.
- B. At the completion of this training, the EMT or law enforcement personnel must complete a competency based written and skills examination for administration of naloxone which will include:
- 1. Assessment of when to administer naloxone;
 - 2. Managing a patient before and after administering naloxone;
 - 3. Using universal precautions and body substance isolations procedures during medication administration;
 - 4. Demonstrating aseptic technique during medication administration;
 - 5. Demonstrating preparation and administration of parenteral medications by the IM and IN routes for EMTs and IN route for law enforcement personnel;
 - 6. Proper disposal of contaminated items and sharps.
- C. After completion of initial training, EMTs may administer naloxone as a part of the EMT basic scope of practice. Reference Solano County EMS Policy 6300.
- D. After completion of initial training, law enforcement personnel may administer naloxone only while on duty with an EMS Agency approved optional skills provider.
- 1. The process outlined in EMS Policy 3303, EMT Local Optional Skills Provider Authorization will serve as the approval process for law enforcement departments to become an optional skills provider.
- E. All EMTs must complete this training by July 1, 2019. After that date, EMTs will not be recertified without submitting proof of training to the EMS Agency. Reference EMS Policy 3200 EMT Certification and Recertification.