

 <p>County of San Diego <b>EMS</b> A Division of San Diego County Fire</p>	COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	<b>CP-906</b>
	<b>COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC AND TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE</b>	
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**I. PURPOSE**

To ensure compliance of community paramedic and triage to alternate destination programs operating within the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system with applicable state statutes and regulations

**II. AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.107, 1797.220, 1815, 1830, 1831, 1835, and 1840. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5, Sections 100181 and 100182.

**III. DEFINITION(S)**

**Community Paramedic Program:** A program developed by a local EMS agency (LEMSA) and approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to provide community paramedicine services consisting of one or more of the program specialties (directly observed tuberculosis therapy and case management services) described in Section 1815 of the Health and Safety Code under medical protocols developed by the LEMSA that are consistent with the medical protocols established by the EMSA.

**Triage to Alternate Destination Program:** A program developed by a LEMSA and approved by EMSA to provide transport to approved alternate destinations under triage and assessment protocols developed by the LEMSA that are consistent with the minimum triage and assessment protocols established by EMSA in defined transport to alternate destination specialties (in-home hospice care, triage to authorized sobering center, triage to authorized mental health facility, and triage to Veterans Affairs emergency department).

**IV. POLICY**

**A.** CoSD EMS has the authority to implement community paramedic or triage to alternate destination programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1840. CoSD EMS may develop, submit a plan for these programs in cooperation with the participating provider agency, and submit it to EMSA for review and approval.

**B.** No person or organization shall offer or hold itself out as providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) services that utilize community paramedic personnel for the delivery of community paramedic

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care unless that person or organization is authorized by CoSD EMS to provide those services as part of a community paramedic or triage to alternate destination program approved by EMSA in accordance with Section 1835.

- C.** The County of San Diego EMS system and all its components shall comply with all State of California statutes and regulations regarding EMS.

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