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I. PURPOSE

To identify the scope of practice of Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) in San Diego County

II. POLICY

A. An AEMT may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (see County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) Policy B-450 "EMT Scope of Practice").

B. During training, while at the scene of an emergency, and during transport of the sick or injured, a supervised AEMT student or certified AEMT may, in accordance with CoSD EMS policies, procedures, and protocols, perform the following procedures and administer the following medicines:

1. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of a perilyngeal airway adjunct
2. Institute intravenous (IV) catheters in peripheral veins
3. Administer IV glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions
4. Obtain venous and/or capillary blood samples for laboratory analysis
5. Use blood glucose measuring devices
6. Administer the following medications:
 - a. Sublingual nitroglycerine
 - b. Oral aspirin
 - c. Intramuscular glucagon
 - d. Inhaled beta-2 agonists (bronchodilators)
 - e. Oral activated charcoal
 - f. Intramuscular or intranasal naloxone

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- g. Intramuscular or subcutaneous epinephrine
- h. Intravenous administration of 50% dextrose

C. A supervised AEMT student or certified AEMT may utilize additional skills and/or medications included as part of pilot study as determined by the CoSD EMS Medical Director, in accordance with Section 1797.214 of Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.