

**Pre-Hospital Stakeholder Meeting
Public Comments on New Programs/Fees
March 6, 2019**

Below is a summary of public comments and questions from the Pre-Hospital Stakeholder meeting including SCEMSA staff responses and relevant statutory requirements from the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9 and Health and Safety Code Division 2.5.

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<u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/Folsom Fire Department (FFD):</u> The tactical training program, it's potentially going to be a Southern California company coming up to Northern California teaching it? That's what it would be applied for? Not for the agencies that are providing services to the police departments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yes, this is a teaching program only. – Health and Safety Code (H&S), Division 2.5, Sections 1797.206 and 1797.212.
<u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/FFD:</u> The Narcan® training program includes epinephrine and Narcan®, but it's labeled as Narcan® training program. Are those two separate programs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It is one program with an Optional Scope Program for Public Safety First Aid providers. SCEMSA Policy #2512-Designation Requirements for Administration of Naloxone by Law Enforcement First Responders. – Per California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Article 3, Sections 100019 and 100023(f).
<u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/FFD:</u> What authority does SCEMSA have to oversee Naloxone by Law Enforcement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Article 3, Sections 100019 and 100023(f)
<u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/FFD:</u> With the EMR program, is this going to affect those out there that are career fire departments and might have CERT members that are EMR's?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If a fire service has CERT members who want to be trained or who are nationally registered as an EMR and would like them to function at the EMR level, the individual will have to be certified by SCEMSA. – H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.206, 1797.210 and 1797.212.
<u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/FFD:</u> We have to pay you \$1,500 a year for CERT members to volunteer in Folsom who have to have that certification?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yes, If Folsom Fire Department (FFD) provides initial EMR training, they must be an approved EMR Training Program. – H&S, Division 2.5, Section 1797.206 and 1797.212. – CCR Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100019 and 100023(f).

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<p><u>Chief Brett Shurr/Cosumnes Fire Department (CFD)</u>: Is this something we want to do, or is this something the LEMSA would like to do and the hospitals may not have a stake, because this is primarily more of a hospital fee? My concern with this, is there is no meat to the fee request. What are these staffers doing? These are proposed mandates that actually haven't been voted in yet, so what happens if the board approves those fees, and the mandates actually never get legislated? Have you gone to the County Board of Supervisors asking for general fund allocation, is that documented?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed regulations are for STEMI and Stroke. The State EMS Authority (EMSA) is waiting for the regulation package to be approved by the Office of Administrative Law Judge. The response is expected soon. EMSA original tentative effective date was April 1st. We started these projects by using the April 1st date as a targeted date. At the March 20th statewide quarterly meetings, the date changed. The proposed new effective date is July 1, 2019. EMS for Children is due out at the same time. For STEMI and Stroke, we will have six months from the time the regulations become effective. Our County plans to be approved by EMSA to continue our STEMI and Stroke programs. The other programs we discussed are permissive. We are trying to develop new programs to improve prehospital and hospital care here in the County. - For Fiscal Year 2019-20, the direction from the County Executive's Office was to hold status quo and develop a budget with no increases in General Funds. - H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, 1797.206, and 1797.212
<p><u>CFD Volunteer EMR (CERT)</u>: You keep mentioning your stakeholders, it seems all your stakeholders are here and they seem to know nothing about this? I think you're going to lose a lot of EMR's, and is the County ready to go down that road?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - California operates differently from other states and the federal government and our EMS programs are handled at the local level. The local EMS agencies are given the authority to establish programs and fees that are required to maintain the programs. - H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.206, 1797.210, 1797.212, 1797.213, and 1797.214.
<p><u>Jeff Cookson/Wilton Fire Department (WFD)</u>: Just curious on some of these different programs, are they optional? In my case, do I have to be a part of the tactical paramedic program?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correct, these EMS programs are optional. - No, you only participate in the programs that you want to be involved with.
<p><u>Jeff Cookson/WFD</u>: So it's based on each agency if they want to opt in or not?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes.
<p><u>Daniel Iniguez/American Medical Response (AMR)</u>: Regarding the CCP portion of it, at some point through this process, would you put out what the reimbursement for the provider (unintelligible) is that something that is recognized by the hospital level of service?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The County of Sacramento does not have any involvement regarding provider reimbursement.

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<p><u>Daniel Iniguez/AMR</u>: As far as the CC-P training programs, the six thousand dollars goes to the provider that wants to be the trainer?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be an increase in oversight and more staff involved with the CCP provider programs and training programs. - H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, 1797.206, 1797.212, 1797.214, 1797.218, and 1797.220. - CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, Sections 100148 and 100154.
<p><u>Daniel Iniguez/AMR</u>: In your presentation before that the re-cert of the Medic/EMT, MICN, ALS providers, all that is an increase of 5%, but it doesn't talk about a cap? It increases every year by 5%, when does that stop? Is there a part where it's capped and reevaluated?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will be up to 5% annually. We review fees and allocated costs annually to determine the amount of increase. - Certification fees are not proposed to increase 5% annually. They will remain at CPI West B/C. - H&S, Division 2.5, Section 1797.212.
<p><u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/FFD</u>: So just to confirm, part of it is the CPI which is 2.4 to 2.5 percent, you're asking to double that to 5% for certain programs, am I right?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are moving to the 'Up to 5%' to assist in covering 'unavoidable' cost increases. Current CPI-West Coast does not keep up with these 'unavoidable' costs. For example, FY 19/20 projected CPI – West Coast is about 2.4%, our 'unavoidable' cost increases for personnel are about 9.2%. - H&S, Division 2.5, Section 1797.212.
<p><u>Chief Felipe Rodriguez/FFD</u>: The Narcan® is a state approved over the counter drug that can be administered by anyone, so that's a tough one to put a \$1,500 price tag on. Maybe some dollar, fifteen hundred is quite a bit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public service agencies or servants administering Narcan® fall under regulations. Narcan® is over the counter for the general public. - Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Article 3, Section 100019. SCEMSA policy 2512.
<p><u>Mark Mendenhall/Medic Ambulance</u>: You talked about ten thousand dollars for the tactical medicine training program and that was to bring someone from Southern California, and it includes that person and training?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The \$10,000 fee allows the current owner of a Southern CA Tactical Medicine Training Programs to be an approved training program in Sacramento County, similar to EMT and Paramedic training programs. His program will be based in Sacramento County as an approved tactical medicine training program. - H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.206, 1797.210, 1797.212.
<p><u>Chief Brett Shurr/CFD</u>: The EMR fee would be forty dollars annually?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The certification fee is bi-annual similar to the existing EMT fee of \$40 every two years. - H&S, Division 2.5, Section 1797.212.

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<p><u>Chief Brett Shurr/CFD</u>: A tactical training program to cost ten thousand dollars, I understand that it's a private contractor, or someone from outside of the county coming in to do business, the state approved curriculum is 80 hours for combat casualty care. CCP is roughly 180 hours of training, so you have a program that's over double the cost for almost half the price for certification to operate in Sacramento County as a training program?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cost is based on staff time allocation and the staff member involved with those programs. We looked at how many possible programs might join those programs then divided the total cost by the number of providers in the program. This was based on the survey we sent out to the providers. - H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, 1797.206, 1797.212, 1797.214, 1797.218, and 1797.220. - CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, Sections 100148 and 100154.
<p><u>Chief Brett Shurr/CFD</u>: Why is the CCP program so much cheaper than someone coming here and doing an 80 hour versus a 180 hour program?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CCP program amount is less because we received feedback from providers saying that they would be interested in the CCP program. We have only been approached by one tactical medicine training program who said they would be willing to become an approved Sacramento County training program. - H&S, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.206, and 1797.212. - CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, Sections 100148 and 100154.