



TO: Riverside County EMS System Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: Paramedics working for non-paramedic provider organizations

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California Code of Regulations Title 22 and REMSA policy # 1206 (Paramedic Accreditation) allows paramedics to perform paramedic skills **only** while working for an approved paramedic service provider and as part of an organized EMS system. Paramedics are not authorized to practice their skills in any other health care setting such as hospital emergency departments.

The only exceptions to this are noted in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, §100146 Scope of Practice of Paramedic which states:

(c) A paramedic student or a licensed paramedic, as part of an organized EMS system, while caring for patients in a hospital as part of his/her training or continuing education (CE) under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse, or physician assistant, or while at the scene of a medical emergency or during transport, or during interfacility transfer, or while working in a small and rural hospital pursuant to §1797.195 of the Health and Safety Code.

Hospitals in Riverside County do not meet the Health & Safety Code definition for a “small and rural hospital”. Paramedics employed by hospitals performing paramedic skills as defined in California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, §100146 Scope of Practice of Paramedic are in violation of this section and REMSA Policy 1206 (Paramedic Accreditation) and may be subject to disciplinary action against their paramedic license and accreditation.

Please contact REMSA if you have any questions regarding this subject.

