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TO: Riverside County EMS System

FROM: Reza Vaezazizi, MD, Interim Medical Director 

SUBJECT: Pre-existing Vascular Access Devices (PVAD)

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The purpose of this memo is to provide requested clarification regarding the use and of PVAD by REMSA accredited EMS providers. The universal patient protocol Policy 4102 ONLY allows IV/IO for vascular routes of access. The uses of PVAD are not included in this policy and are not part of REMSA approved scope of practice. Additionally, CA Health and Safety code 2.5 chapter 5 section 1798.2 states: "The base hospital shall implement the policies and procedures established by the local EMS agency and approved by the medical director of the local EMS agency for medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care personnel". Base hospitals may not issue base hospital order(s) for procedures that are not defined in the REMSA scope of practice, including access of PVAD.

