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**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FRAMEWORK**

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PURPOSE:

To define the California Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system framework, the responsibilities of the California State EMS Authority (EMSA) and the California Commission on EMS.

I. CALIFORNIA EMS FRAMEWORK

The framework for the California EMS System was established with the EMS System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act in the year 1981. Reference Solano County EMS Agency Policy 1400, Pertinent EMS Legislation.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE EMSA

Responsibilities of the California State EMSA may include, but are not limited to:

- A. Assessing the needs of California's Local EMS Agencies
- B. Coordination of EMS services within California
- C. Developing implementation guidelines

- D. Developing minimum standards for medical control policies and procedures
- E. Developing and promulgating regulations for minimum standards for education/training, certification/recertification, licensure/licensure renewal, and scope of practice for prehospital emergency medical personnel
- F. Providing technical assistance to Local EMS Agencies
- G. Providing assistance to the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to coordinate the EMS aspect of disaster response

III. CALIFORNIA STATE COMMISSION ON EMS

The California State Commission on EMS is a multi-disciplinary commission composed of 14 members appointed by the Governor and State Senate and Assembly. The Commission reviews and approves regulations, standards, and guidelines developed by the California State EMSA.