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**DATE:** January 23, 2009**TO:** American College of Emergency Physicians, California Chapter
American College of Surgeons, California Chapter
California Ambulance Association
California Healthcare Association
California Community Colleges
California Conference of Local Health Officers
California EMS Administrators
California Fire Chiefs Association
California Highway Patrol
California Medical Association
California National Guard
California Nurses Association
California Peace Officers Association
California Professional Firefighters
California Rescue and Paramedic Association
California State Firefighters Association
Commission on Emergency Medical Services
County Administrative Officers
County/Regional Emergency Medical Services Administrators
County Supervisors Association of California
EMT-I Training Program Directors
EMT-II Training Program Directors
Paramedic Training Program Directors
Emergency Nurses Association of California
Local EMS Agency Medical Directors
Other Interested Parties**FROM:** Nancy Steiner, Chief, EMS Personnel Division **SUBJECT:** Proposed Regulation Revisions

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is proposing revisions to four chapters of regulations and one set of guidelines as well as the promulgation of one new chapter of regulations to implement the provisions of AB 2917 (Torrico), which took effect January 1, 2009. As you may know, this bill does the following:

- ✓ Requires EMSA to establish a central registry of all EMT personnel,
- ✓ Requires state and federal background checks for EMT-I's and EMT-II's,
- ✓ Requires compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act when local EMS agency medical directors take disciplinary action against an EMT-I, Advanced EMT, or EMT-II certificate,
- ✓ Allows EMS employers, in consultation with their respective local EMS agency, to initially investigate any allegations of violations of Health and Safety Code section 1798.200(c) on their EMT-I certificate applicants/holders, and

- ✓ Requires the EMSA to annually review the paramedic licensing fee to evaluate whether the fee is sufficient to fund the EMSA's paramedic licensing and enforcement activities and adjust the fee accordingly through regulations.

The proposed revisions were drafted by EMSA in consultation with representatives of the California Ambulance Association, California Fire Chiefs Association, EMS Administrators Association of California, EMS Medical Directors Association of California, and California Professional Firefighters. It is not implied, however, that the proposed revisions constitute a consensus of opinion of the representatives.

Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the draft regulations noted below and available on EMSA's website, www.emsa.ca.gov. Also available on the website will be a table for each set of regulations for downloading and inputting comments. If you are unable to access the website, you can request hard copies of the regulations and comment tables by contacting Laura Little by phone (916) 322-4336, extension 461, or by e-mail laura.little@emsa.ca.gov. This is an informal comment period, which will begin Monday, January 26, 2009 and end close of business on March 27, 2009. Comments received will be reviewed by EMSA in consultation with a task force of EMS constituents, and additional changes may be made to the draft regulations based on that review. EMSA will then enter into a formal rulemaking process on the proposed regulations which will afford interested parties a 45-day public review and comment period culminating in a public hearing. Any final proposed regulation changes will then be reviewed by the Commission on EMS for approval.

Proposed regulation changes include:

1. EMT-I Regulations, Chapter 2
2. EMT-II Regulations, Chapter 3
3. Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4
4. Process for EMT-I and EMT-II Disciplinary Action, Chapter 6 (currently EMT-I and EMT-II Certification Review Regulations)
5. California EMT Central Registry, **New** Chapter 10
6. Guidelines for Disciplinary Action and Conditions of Probation for EMT-I (Basic), Advanced EMT, and EMT-II (Intermediate)

If you have any questions regarding this process or the draft regulations, please contact me or Sean Trask at (916) 322-4336.