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## EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2021-11/18

**TO:** Riverside County EMS System

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**SUBJECT:** Out-of-State Paramedics for COVID-19

**DATE:** November 18, 2021

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To support continued response activity surrounding the Covid-19 declared State of Emergency, and in preparation for seasonal surge events, American Medical Response, with authorization from REMSA, has received approval for the temporary deployment of out-of-state paramedics to ensure adequate ALS staffing on ground ambulances throughout Riverside County.

Approval for the use of out-of-state paramedics has been issued by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), whereby the deployed paramedics may operate within the Riverside County EMS System according to local scope of practice.

To ensure that all out of state paramedics are able to provide the highest level of care for patients within Riverside County, REMSA requires that all out-of-state personnel meet the following criteria:

- Are licensed by their sponsoring state and meet the standards of National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) as paramedics.
- Have completed an orientation that includes all Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) items (i.e. TXA and Ketamine) as well as all REMSA treatment policies and procedures.
- Have passed the REMSA Paramedic Skills Competency Test and met other requirements for local accreditation.
- Have completed sufficient supervised field evaluations to ensure that the paramedic is knowledgeable to function independently under local policies and procedures in Riverside County.

All out-of-state personnel meeting identified requirements have received temporary approval to function as a REMSA-accredited paramedics, effective November 19, 2021.

If you have general questions, please contact the EMS Agency at (951) 358-5029, or for an urgent matter, the **REMSA Duty Officer at (951) 712-3342.**

