PURPOSE
To establish criteria for approved EMS Fellows to assist paramedic personnel in advanced life support procedures according to REMSA policies & protocols and/or to serve as direct medical control when at the scene of an incident.

DEFINITION
An EMS Fellow is a licensed physician who is participating in an accredited postgraduate EMS Fellowship training program following successful completion of a residency program in emergency medicine.

APPLICATION
This policy applies specifically to REMSA approved physicians currently training as EMS Fellows and does not apply to:
• Physician bystanders on scene who wish to assume medical control OR
• Physicians at the scene who are part of an established EMS response element (i.e., tactical physicians, aeromedical flight teams, Search and Rescue teams, etc.)

AUTHORITY
California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services [1797. - 1799.207.]

Procedure
• The EMS Fellow will be added to the ePCR as a 3rd crew member.

• The EMS Fellow may perform medical care and procedures at the scene of an emergency.

• The EMS Fellow has the authority to provide on-scene medical direction for procedures and/or medications that are designated as Base Hospital Orders (BHOs) in all REMSA treatment protocols.

• EMS Field personnel may receive and carry out BHOs orders from the EMS Fellow so long as they fall within their scope of practice AND what is currently permitted per the appropriate REMSA treatment protocol.
  ○ In these instances, the EMS Fellow is acting as an alternate Base Hospital and the catchment Base Hospital does not need to be contacted; however, thorough, and appropriate documentation in the ePCR is required.

• In the event of an MCI / MPI, REMSA policy #3305 (Multiple Patient / Casualty Incident (MPI / MCI) Management) will be followed; the EMS Fellow will act as a support.

Patient Destination
Patient destination is indicated by the patient’s preference, their clinical needs, and the current operational requirements of the EMS system. In all cases, EMS personnel may utilize the EMS Fellow at the scene to collaboratively determine the medically appropriate destination.

Presence of an EMS Fellow at the scene does not excuse prehospital providers from the requirement to notify receiving facilities of their inbound patient. Additionally, early activation / notification is still required when transporting patients to a specialty care center.