





**SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH  
EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

<b>EMS POLICY</b>	<b>510</b>
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## INTERCOUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSES

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### I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes guidelines for the management of intercounty emergency medical responses.

### II. AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, §1797.204, 1797.220, 1798; California Code of Regulation, Title 22, Division 9, §100096.03

### III. DEFINITIONS

Emergency Medical Services Agency (“LEMSA”) [or “Agency”]: The San Mateo County EMS Agency is designated as the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) and is statutorily charged with primary responsibility for administration and medical control of emergency medical services in San Mateo County.

Home County: The county in which the paramedic is based and where the paramedic is accredited to practice.

### IV. POLICY

- A. If a paramedic is assigned to an emergency response outside of San Mateo County, the paramedic shall follow LEMSAs medical control policies, protocols, and procedures.
- B. No paramedic shall practice at the Advanced Life Support level within San Mateo County without prior authorization of LEMSAs via a standing automatic/ mutual aid agreement or emergent request executed via the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC). Any paramedic assigned to an emergency response within San Mateo County who is not accredited by LEMSAs shall follow the medical control policies, protocols, and procedures of their Home County.
- C. See 516 – Fireline Paramedics for specific information related to fireline paramedic deployment within and outside of San Mateo County.