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Policy: <b>Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee</b>	Approval: Medical Director <b>Reza Vaezazizi, MD</b>	Signed 
Applies To: <b>EMS System</b>	Approval: REMSA Director <b>Bruce Barton</b>	Signed 

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to describe the role and composition of the Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC); including its rules of operation.

**AUTHORITY**

[California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797. - 1799.207.\]](#)  
[California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Social Security, Division 9. Prehospital Emergency Medical Services](#)

**The Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee**

The purpose of the Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC) is to provide advice and expertise to the County of Riverside EMS Agency (REMSA), and to enhance cooperation between the multiple EMS system participants on administrative, operational, and emergency medical issues.

Active membership will consist of:

1. The Emergency Department Physician Director of each paramedic receiving center in Riverside County or his/her physician designee
2. The chairman of the Trauma Audit Committee (TAC) or his/her designee
3. A representative from the Trauma Program Managers committee
4. The Prehospital Liaison Nurse (PLN) of each base hospital and the Emergency Department (ED) Nurse Manager of each non-base paramedic receiving center
5. A representative from each Riverside County permitted emergency ALS ambulance service
6. A representative elected from the EMS training program(s)
7. A representative from the Riverside County Police Chiefs' Association
8. A representative from Riverside County Fire Department
9. A representative from a non-transporting BLS fire department selected by the Riverside County Fire Chiefs' Association
10. A representative from a non-transporting ALS fire department selected by the Riverside County Fire Chiefs' Association
11. A representative elected from the Riverside County permitted air transport providers
12. A representative elected from the Riverside County permitted BLS ambulance services
13. An active field EMT elected by the committee (EMT-at-Large)
14. An active field paramedic elected by the committee (Paramedic-at-Large)

Ex-officio members will include:

1. The county Director of Public Health / Health Officer
2. The REMSA Medical Director
3. The REMSA Director
4. The Assistant REMSA Director
5. A representative from the Hospital Association of Southern California
6. The Emergency Department Physician Director(s) or their physician designees from out-of-county acute care hospitals impacted by Riverside County residents

The committee-elected membership positions of EMT-at-Large and Paramedic-at-Large will serve a two-year term. Elections will be at the last meeting of even-numbered years.

Should either of the at-large members vacate their seat prior to the end of their term, a person who meets the qualifications will be elected by the committee for the remainder of that term.

The committee will elect from the membership a chairperson, who will be a physician, and a vice-chairperson, who will be a prehospital care provider, both of whom will serve a two-year term. Elections will be at the last meeting of even-numbered years.

1. Should either of the committee officers vacate their seat prior to the end of their term, a member who meets the qualifications will be elected by the committee for the remainder of that term.
2. The position of chairman is a non-voting position except in cases where a tie vote must be broken.

The REMSA will provide support for the PMAC, including but not limited to the scheduling and recording of meetings, developing agendas, supplying needed research information, and the dissemination of information generated from the PMAC.

The PMAC will meet at least quarterly.

The meetings of the PMAC will be open to the public.

Functions of the PMAC will include, but not be limited to:

1. Providing specialized advice to the REMSA Medical Director in carrying out the Agency's statutory responsibilities to develop written medical protocols
2. Providing specialized advice to the REMSA Medical Director in carrying out the Agency's statutory responsibilities to maintain medical control of the EMS system
3. Providing physician representatives to the Medical Advisory Committee defined in Section 100145(b) of Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations for the approval of EMS prehospital treatment procedures or drugs on a trial basis
4. Providing communication and coordination between REMSA and EMS system participants
5. Providing other specialized advice as deemed necessary and appropriate