

100076.01 Application of Chapter; Displacement of Services

(a)

Any LEMSA may approve an advanced life support (ALS), meaning Paramedic or LALS, meaning Advanced EMT program which provides services utilizing Advanced EMTs, or Paramedics, or any combination thereof.

(b)

Prior to considering and initiating a reduction of existing Paramedic services, or of existing services that utilize Advanced EMTs that are accredited in the local optional scope of practice, within the LEMSA's jurisdiction, the LEMSA shall prepare an impact evaluation report. The impact evaluation report shall indicate why the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, is not feasible or appropriate within that LEMSA's jurisdiction. The impact evaluation report shall only be required when existing Paramedic services, or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, are displaced by initiating new Advanced EMT services. The impact evaluation report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An evaluation describing why the geography, population density, and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, more appropriate or feasible. (2) The LEMSA shall hold a public hearing

regarding the Paramedic services, or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, that may be displaced by the new Advanced EMT services. The public hearing shall be for the purpose of allowing the public an opportunity to provide the LEMSA with written and/or verbal input regarding the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice. The LEMSA may waive the public hearing if a public hearing was previously held that allowed the public an opportunity to provide written and/or verbal input regarding the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice.

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An evaluation describing why the geography, population density, and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, more appropriate or feasible.

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The LEMSA shall hold a public hearing regarding the Paramedic services, or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, that may be displaced by the new Advanced EMT services. The public hearing shall be for the purpose of allowing the public an opportunity to provide the LEMSA with written and/or verbal input regarding the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice. The LEMSA may waive the public hearing if a public hearing was previously held that allowed the public an opportunity to provide written and/or verbal input regarding the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice.

(c)

The governing body of a public safety agency that operates in the jurisdiction of a LEMSA and that may displace Paramedic services, or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, by initiating new Advanced EMT services, shall meet the requirements of this subsection (c). The governing body of the public safety agency shall hold a public hearing prior to considering the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, by initiating Advanced EMT services. The public safety agency shall: (1) Provide the LEMSA in the jurisdiction in which it operates with written notice no less than six (6) months prior to the implementation date of the reduction of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice; and (2) Provide the LEMSA in the jurisdiction in which it operates with an evaluation report no less than three (3) months prior to the implementation date of the reduction of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice. The public safety agency's evaluation report shall contain, at a minimum, an evaluation describing why the geography, population density, and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, more appropriate or feasible. Upon receipt of the evaluation report from the public safety agency, the LEMSA may, but is not required to, prepare a separate evaluation report with the contents specified in subsection (b)(1).

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Provide the LEMSA in the jurisdiction in which it operates with written notice no less than six (6) months prior to the implementation date of the reduction of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice; and

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Provide the LEMSA in the jurisdiction in which it operates with an evaluation report no less than three (3) months prior to the implementation date of the reduction of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice. The public safety agency's evaluation report shall contain, at a minimum, an evaluation describing why the geography, population density, and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, more appropriate or feasible. Upon receipt of the evaluation report from the public safety agency, the LEMSA may, but is not required to, prepare a separate evaluation report with the contents specified in subsection (b)(1).

(d)

If the LEMSA determines, pursuant to the impact evaluations from subsections (b) and/or (c) of this section, that the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, is not justified or feasible, the new Advanced EMT services shall not be approved. If the LEMSA determines, pursuant to the impact evaluations from subsections (b) and/or (c) of this section, that the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMT's accredited in the local optional scope of practice, is justified and feasible, then the new Advanced EMT services may be approved by the LEMSA. This approval by the LEMSA shall occur after the Advanced EMT service provider has met the requirements of Section 100079.01 of this Chapter.

(e)

Any LEMSA which approves an Advanced EMT training program, or a LALS service which provides services utilizing Advanced EMT personnel, shall be responsible for

approving Advanced EMT training programs, Advanced EMT service providers, Advanced EMT base hospitals, and for developing and enforcing standards, regulations, policies, and procedures in accordance with this Chapter so as to provide for quality assurance, appropriate medical control and coordination of the Advanced EMT personnel and training program(s) within an EMS system.

(f)

No person or organization shall offer an Advanced EMT training program or hold themselves out as offering an Advanced EMT training program, or provide LALS services, or hold themselves out as providing LALS services utilizing Advanced EMTs unless that person or organization is authorized by a LEMSA.