

 <p>County of San Diego EMS A Division of San Diego County Fire</p>	COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	CP-907
	COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PATIENT CARE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS	
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I. PURPOSE

To identify documentation standards for community paramedic patient encounters and other patient care-related activities.

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.202, 1797.204, and 1798. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100170 and 100171. California EMS System Core Quality Measures (EMSA #166 – Appendix E). California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5, Section 100185.

III. DEFINITION(S)

County of San Diego, Local EMS Information System (CoSD LEMSIS): The County of San Diego EMS (CoSD EMS) has its own data system and local data standard for EMS as managed and defined by CoSD Local EMS Agency (CoSD LEMSA). This data standard includes the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS), California EMS Information System (CEMSIS), and LEMSA-specific data standards and elements.

Data Dictionary: A document that describes the content, format, and structure of a dataset. The CoSD LEMSIS Data Dictionary is available at www.sandiegocountyems.com.

Prehospital Care Record (PCR): An electronically generated record that is utilized by EMS field personnel to document and transmit patient care events at time of service. This record in the CoSD LEMSA format is approved and required by CoSD LEMSA as stated by the California EMS Authority (EMSA) and further detailed in the LEMSA Data Dictionary.

IV. POLICY

A. Community paramedics shall complete and submit electronic patient care records in accordance with policy S-601: Documentation Standards and Transferal of Prehospital Care Record (PCR) Information. PCR reports for community paramedicine activities are required for every patient encounter, as defined in policy S-601, regardless of the scope or service provided.

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- B.** Community paramedic agencies shall document the destination facility with standardized facility codes per CEMSIS when available.
- C.** Community paramedic agencies shall exchange electronic patient health information (HIE) with healthcare providers and facilities.
 - 1. EMSA may grant a one-time temporary waiver, not to exceed five years of this requirement for alternate destination facilities that are unable to immediately comply with the electronic patient health information requirement. A plan to establish HIE shall accompany any request for a waiver.
- D.** Community paramedic agencies that provide case management services to EMS high utilizers shall submit to CoSD EMS at minimum a quarterly summary of patient outcomes in an EMSA-provided template with a summary of the reduction in EMS utilization, and any other impacts of the program.