

 <p>County of San Diego EMS A Division of San Diego County Fire</p>	TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION	TAD-1001
	TRIAGE PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE	
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I. PURPOSE

To define triage paramedic scope of practice.

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.107, 1830, and 1831. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5, Section 100192.

III. DEFINITION(S)

Triage Paramedic: A licensed paramedic who has completed the curriculum for triage paramedic services, received certification in one or more of the triage paramedic program specialties described in Section 1815 of the Health and Safety Code, and been accredited to provide community paramedic services by CoSD EMS as a part of an approved community paramedic program.

IV. POLICY

- A.** A triage paramedic shall use the standard paramedic scope of practice as described in policy P-401: Paramedic Scope of Practice, approved CoSD EMS local optional scope, and trial study scope, if participating in an approved pilot program. Paramedics who have only completed a triage to alternate destination course may not utilize the expanded community paramedic scope of practice.
- B.** Triage paramedics may transport patients to CoSD EMS authorized mental health facilities.
- C.** Triage paramedics may transport patients to CoSD EMS authorized sobering centers.
- D.** Triage paramedics working in the 9-1-1 system may use the triage to Veterans Affairs emergency department option if the patient meets the screening criteria outlined in protocol TAD-1050: Criteria for Patient Transport to Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center Emergency Department.