

General Information for Optional Skills

[Title 22 §100019-Optional Skills](#) provides that “public safety personnel may perform any or all of the following optional skills...when the public safety first aid provider has been trained and tested to demonstrate competence following initial instruction, and when authorized by the Medical Director of the local EMS agency (LEMSA).”

1. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis.
2. Supplemental oxygen therapy using a non-rebreather face mask or nasal cannula, and bag-valve-mask ventilation for a patient requiring oxygen administration and ventilation.
3. Administration of auto-injectors containing atropine and pralidoxime chloride for nerve agent exposure for self or peer care, when authorized by the Medical Director of a LEMSAs, while working for a public safety provider.
4. Administration of Naloxone for suspected narcotic overdose.
5. Use of oropharyngeal airways (OPAs) and nasopharyngeal airways (NPAs).

Agencies must seek approval from their Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) prior to conducting the required training for any or all of these optional skills and prior to staff being authorized to perform them. LEMSAs information is available on the [EMSA Website](#).