I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.204, 1797.220, 1798.2, 1798.100, 1798.102, and 1798.104.

II. **Purpose:** To establish a mechanism for designation of an acute care hospital as a Paramedic Base Hospital.

III. **Policy:**

A. To be designated as a Paramedic Base Hospital in San Diego County, the requesting institution must:

1. Comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4.
2. Enter into a contract with the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services Branch (County EMS) to perform as a Base Hospital.
3. Comply with the County of San Diego's Base Hospital Contract.

B. County EMS shall review the Contract with each Paramedic Base Hospital every three years. The Base Hospital Contract may be changed, renewed, canceled, or otherwise modified when necessary according to provisions for such in the Contract.

C. County EMS may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of a Paramedic Base Hospital for failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, protocols, or regulations in accordance with provisions for such in the Contract.

D. Additional Paramedic Base Hospitals may be added to the Emergency Medical Services System on the basis of demonstrated local need.

1. Demonstrated local need shall include, but not be limited to an assessment of:
   a. Base Hospital call volumes.
   b. Base Hospital ALS unit and prehospital personnel assignments.
   c. Current system effectiveness.
2. County EMS, shall review the need for supplemental Base Hospitals annually.
3. Changes in the EMS System as it relates to the number of Base Hospitals shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

IV. Procedure:

A. County EMS develops a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Base Hospital Designation based on previously identified need and established Base Hospital criteria for submittal to Board of Supervisors for approval.

B. County EMS evaluates proposals, including independent review process and on-site evaluation.

C. County EMS recommends to the Board of Supervisors the addition of Base Hospital in accordance with established County Policies and State Regulations.

D. County EMS shall approve the newly designated Base Hospital's implementation plan. The implementation plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
   1. Evidence of a continuous quality improvement process that can incorporate into the Local and State EMS Plans, inclusive of policies, procedures and protocols.

2. Evidence of the ability to provide initial and continuing prehospital education to all categories of prehospital personnel.
3. Community outreach programs.
4. Orientation of the community to the hospital's new role.
5. Evidence of ability to collect and manage data.
6. Communications systems to include all satellite and other base facilities.
7. Time line of scheduled implementation.