

SUBJECT: TRAUMA CATCHMENT SERVICE AREA

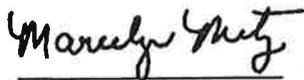
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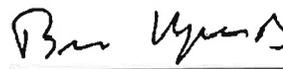
- I. **Authority:** Division 2.5 Health & Safety Code, Section 1798.161, 1798.163
- II. **Purpose:** To designate catchment service areas for each designated trauma center.
- III. **Definitions:**
- Trauma Catchment Area – Geographic Area with defined boundaries assigned to a designated trauma center for purposes of care of patients identified as trauma candidates.
- IV. **Policy:**
- A. The adult patient who is identified as a trauma candidate will be transported to the most appropriate adult trauma center assigned per geographic designation per policy T-460: Identification and Transportation of the Trauma Center Candidate, the Trauma Catchment Area Boundary Guidelines and the San Diego Trauma Catchment Maps.
- B. The pediatric patient who is identified as a trauma candidate will be transported to the most appropriate pediatric trauma center per geographic designation per policy T-460: Identification and Transportation of the Trauma Center Candidate, the Trauma Catchment Area Boundary Guidelines and the San Diego Trauma Catchment Maps.
- C. The pediatric patient who is identified as a trauma candidate will be transported to the designated pediatric trauma center. When the pediatric trauma center is on bypass, including age specific bypass, the pediatric patient will be transported to a Level I trauma center (UCSD).

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**Approved:**



Administrator



Medical Director