

I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.200 and 1798.163

II. **Purpose:** To define the coordination of trauma care within the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System, and with neighboring jurisdictions.

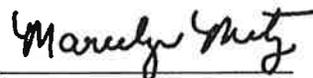
III. **Policy**

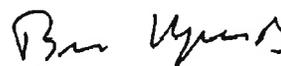
The Health & Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services Branch is required to assure coordination of trauma care services and trauma system compliance with state and local regulations. This shall be accomplished through the following System design that assures:

- A. Adequate numbers of trauma centers to meet the needs of the population and incidents of trauma in the county.
- B. A coordinated response for the provision of advanced life support (ALS) and trauma care services within and around San Diego County through ALS inter-county agreements with neighboring and remote EMS jurisdictions.
- C. Active duty military personnel and their dependants involved in traumatic incidents are integrated into the San Diego County Trauma System.
- D. System oversight to assure that patients needing trauma services receive such services, including:
  - 1. Transportation of trauma patients to designated trauma facilities.
  - 2. Required personnel and resources to provide the appropriate level of service are available at designated trauma facilities.
  - 3. Trauma team activation criteria are defined and provided at designated trauma facilities.
  - 4. The trauma registry is maintained for the purpose of monitoring system operations.
  - 5. A quality monitoring system that assures compliance with all applicable state laws, regulations and local policies, procedures and contractual arrangements.
  - 6. Public awareness and education on injury prevention.

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