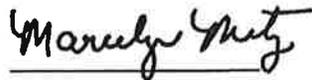


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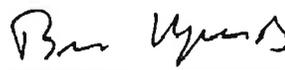
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- I. **Authority:** Division 2.5 Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.164, 1798.165
- II. **Purpose:** To define the process and procedure for designating a Trauma Center to the Trauma Care System.
- III. **Definitions:**
- IV. **Policy**
- A. The need for additional designated Trauma Centers shall be determined by the Health & Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services Branch. An additional Trauma Center may be added to the Trauma Care System on the basis of demonstrated local need, which shall include, but not be limited to an assessment of:
1. Prehospital response times
 2. Population shifts/increases
 3. Current system effectiveness
 4. Available prehospital/hospital resources
- B. The Board of Supervisors shall approve recommendations as to the number of Trauma Centers.
- C. The designation of an additional trauma center will occur via a competitive bid process.
- D. Upon designation, each trauma center will pay an initial and thereafter annual fee of \$40,000.00 per year to the County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services Branch.

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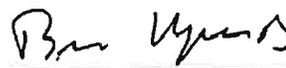
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- E. The designation of a trauma center for purposes of the Emergency Medical Services System of the County of San Diego confers upon the facility, the recognition that it has the commitment, personnel and resources necessary to provide optimum medical care for the trauma patient.
- F. Each trauma center shall meet the criteria set forth in the trauma center agreement and demonstrate a continuous ability and commitment to comply with policies, protocols and procedures developed by the Emergency Medical Services Branch.
- G. Each trauma center shall undergo an annual performance evaluation based upon the trauma center agreement. Results of the evaluation shall be made available to the facility.
- H. All designated trauma centers shall participate in the quality improvement process per the Quality Assurance Manual.
- V. Procedure:**
- A. Health & Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services Branch develops and distributes a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Trauma Center Designation.
- B. Health & Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services Branch evaluates the proposals, including independent review process and on-site evaluation and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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