I. PURPOSE

To assure minimum requirements for Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance services operating in San Diego County

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.160, 1797.204, 1797.214, and 1797.220; California Vehicle Code, Section 2512(c); and San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Title 6, Division 10.

III. POLICY

To be eligible to provide BLS ambulance service in San Diego County, an agency shall:

A. Maintain appropriate licensure as required by the California Highway Patrol.

B. Maintain appropriate permit as required by the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Title 6, Division 10, Chapter 2.

C. Staff each transporting unit responding to call for service with a minimum of two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) currently certified in the State of California.

D. Be in accordance with the County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) policies and procedures.

E. Must operate within the standards defined within the San Diego County Ambulance Ordinance when applicable.

F. Cooperate with the EMT training agencies in providing field experiences.

G. Establish internal quality assurance mechanisms based on policies and procedures as cited by CoSD EMS, including participation in Countywide monitoring activities (see CoSD EMS Policy S-004 “EMS System Quality Improvement”)
H. Submit completed prehospital reports in accordance with CoSD EMS Policy S-601 “Documentation Standards and Transferral of Prehospital Care Record (PCR) Information”.

I. Meet all requirements as identified in California Code of Regulations, Article I, Section 1100.3; California Vehicle Code, Section 2512(b-d); and San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Title 6, Division 10, Chapter 6.