

APPROVAL/IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS STANDARDS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

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I. PURPOSE

To approve standards, policies, and procedures for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.220 and 1798.

III. POLICY

- **A.** EMS system standards, policies, and procedures shall be approved by the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director, or the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, after review and comment by the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC).
- **B.** All standards, policies, and procedures regarding medical control and medical accountability shall be approved by the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director after review and comment by the EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee (Base Station Physicians' Committee). This includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Treatment and triage protocols
 - 2. Prehospital patient report
 - 3. Patient care reporting requirements
 - 4. Field medical care protocols
- **C.** Providers shall be notified a minimum of 45 days prior to implementation of new or revised policies.
- **D.** It is preferred that implementation of new or revised policies take place annually in July.