I. PURPOSE

To reduce the risk of exposure/transmission of contagions and contaminants (communicable infections, chemical, toxic, and radiological agents) to patients, prehospital personnel, and others in the prehospital setting.

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.186, 1797.188, and 1797.189; Health and Safety Code, Section 101080.2, 120175, and 120215.

III. POLICY

A. All prehospital agencies (including first responder agencies, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT (AEMT), and Paramedic provider agencies; EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic training agencies; Base Hospitals, and aeromedical providers) shall develop and implement comprehensive policies and procedures that are in compliance with the guidelines and requirements outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Occupational Safety & Health Administration regarding “standard precautions” and the protection of personnel and patients from exposure to blood borne and other infectious diseases.

B. All prehospital provider agencies shall develop and implement policies regarding the prompt reporting and follow-up of exposures to contagious infectious diseases. In the event of an exposure a*ll prehospital provider agencies shall complete the Communicable Disease Exposure Form and follow the directions to route the completed form to the appropriate parties. EMS Agencies and receiving facilities shall work together to ensure compliance with the following regulations;*

Health and Safety Code: https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5193.html

CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ryanwhite/pdfs/RyanWhiteActof2009.pdf

OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.1030

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All prehospital providers shall execute and comply with public health officer orders (e.g., influenza vaccination/masking) in accordance with the Annex E and in compliance with procedures issued by the Public Health Officer.

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