

Chapter: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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SUBJECT: De-designation of a Trauma Center

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I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy and procedure for de-designation of a Trauma Center

II. POLICY

A. Termination for Cause

1. County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) may immediately terminate its Trauma Center agreement if a Trauma Center's license to operate as a general acute care hospital is revoked or suspended.
2. CoSD EMS may immediately suspend its agreement upon written notice if a Trauma Center is in gross default of material obligation under the Agreement for Trauma Center Designation. Failure to comply with the Agreement for Trauma Center Designation will result in a written notice of deficiency with a specified time to remedy the issue. The time will be determined by the governing agency.
3. Failure to remedy the issue within the time allotment will result in termination of the Agreement for Trauma Center Designation.
4. Recommendations of de-designation will be approved by the CoSD Board of Supervisors.

B. Termination for Convenience

1. Either CoSD EMS or the Trauma Center may terminate the Agreement for Trauma Center Designation as a termination for convenience per the language of the agreement.
2. Upon the de-designation of a Trauma Center CoSD EMS shall be responsible for system redesign decisions.