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SUBJECT: Trauma Catchment Service Area

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I. PURPOSE

To designate catchment service areas for each designated trauma center.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Definitions

Trauma Catchment Area: Geographic area with defined boundaries assigned to a designated trauma center for purposes of care of patients identified as trauma candidates.

III. POLICY

- A.** The adult patient who is identified as a trauma candidate will be transported to the most appropriate adult trauma center assigned per geographic designation per County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) Policy T-460 "Identification of the Trauma Center Candidate", the Trauma Catchment Area Boundary Guidelines, and the San Diego Trauma Catchment Maps.
- B.** The pediatric patient who is identified as a trauma candidate will be transported to the most appropriate pediatric trauma center per geographic designation per CoSD EMS Policy T-460 "Identification of the Trauma Center Candidate", the Trauma Catchment Area Boundary Guidelines, and the San Diego Trauma Catchment Maps.
- C.** The pediatric patient who is identified as a trauma candidate will be transported to the designated pediatric trauma center. When the pediatric trauma center is on bypass, including age specific bypass, the pediatric patient will be transported to a Level I Trauma Center (UCSD).