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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 its agreement, which default could adversely affect patient care provided by Contractor.
3. For any other material breach of its agreement, CoSD EMS may terminate a Trauma Center contract for cause, per the language of the agreement. Such cause shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Failure to comply with material terms and conditions of the Trauma Center contract after notice of the failure has been given.
  - b. Failure to make available sufficient, qualified personnel and hospital resources to provide immediate care for trauma patients as required by Section C of the contract.
  - c. Failure to provide timely surgical coverage for trauma patients as required by Section C of the contract.
  - d. Failure to provide physicians, surgeons, and other medical nursing and ancillary staff who possess that degree of skill and learning ordinarily possessed by reputable medical personnel in like or similar localities and under similar circumstances for the provision of Trauma Center medical services.
  - e. Gross misrepresentation or fraud.

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- f. Substantial failure to cooperate with CoSD EMS's monitoring of Trauma Center services and base hospital services.
- g. Substantial failure or refusal to cooperate with quality assurance and audit findings and recommendations within a reasonable time.

**B. Termination for Convenience**

Either CoSD EMS or the Trauma Center may terminate the Trauma Center contract as a termination for convenience per the language of the agreement.

- C.** Upon the de-designation of a Trauma Center, the local EMS agency shall be responsible for system redesign decisions.