

# SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 378

## SUBJECT: ADVANCED EMT: BASE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

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### PURPOSE:

To establish the requirements and standards for base/modified base hospital medical control of certified Advanced EMT personnel.

### AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.107 and 1797.171

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, Section 100127.

### POLICY:

S-SV EMS shall designate an Advanced EMT base / modified hospital(s) to provide medical direction and supervision of Advanced EMT personnel. A Paramedic base hospital may serve as an Advanced EMT base hospital.

### PROCEDURE:

A. A designated Advanced EMT base hospital shall:

1. Be licensed by the State Department of Health Services as a general acute care hospital.
2. Have a special permit for Basic or Comprehensive Emergency Medical Service pursuant to the provisions of Division 5, or have been granted approval by the Authority for utilization as a base hospital pursuant to the provisions of Section 1798.101 of the Health and Safety Code.
3. Be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program of the American Osteopathic Association.
4. Have and agree to utilize and maintain two-way telecommunications as specified by the S-SV EMS Agency, capable of direct two-way voice communication with the Advanced EMT field units assigned to the hospital.

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5. Have a written agreement with the S-SV EMS Agency indicating the concurrence of hospital administration, medical staff and emergency department staff to meet the requirements for program participation as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, and by S-SV EMS Agency policies and procedures.
6. Assure that a Physician, licensed in California, experienced in emergency medical care, assigned to the emergency department, is available at all times to provide immediate medical direction to the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse, or Advanced EMT personnel. This Physician shall have experience in and knowledge of base / modified base hospital radio operations and S-SV EMS Agency policies, procedures and protocols.
7. Assure that the nurses giving radio direction to Advanced EMT personnel are trained and authorized by S-SV EMS as Mobile Intensive Care Nurses.
8. Designate an Advanced EMT base hospital medical director who shall be a Physician on the hospital staff, licensed in the State of California who is certified or prepared for certification by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. The requirement of board certification or prepared for certification may be waived by the S-SV EMS Agency medical director. This Physician shall be regularly assigned to the emergency department, have experience in and knowledge of base hospital telecommunications and S-SV EMS Agency policies and procedures and shall be responsible for functions of the base hospital including quality improvement as designated by the S-SV EMS Agency medical director.
9. Identify a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse, if utilized, with experience in and knowledge of base hospital operations and S-SV EMS Agency policies and procedures as a prehospital liaison to assist the base hospital medical director in the medical control and supervision of the Advanced EMT personnel.
10. Ensure that a mechanism exists for replacing medical supplies and equipment used by LALS personnel during treatment of patients according to policies and procedures established by the S-SV EMS Agency.
11. Ensure a mechanism exists for initial supply and replacement of controlled substances administered by LALS personnel during treatment of patients according to policies and procedures established by the S-SV EMS Agency.
12. Provide for CE in accordance with the policies and procedures of the S-SV EMS Agency.
13. Agree to participate in the S-SV EMS Agency EMSQIP, which may include making available all relevant records for program monitoring and evaluation.

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- B. If no qualified base hospital is available to provide medical direction, the medical director of the LEMSA may approve an alternative base station pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1798.105.
- C. The LEMSA may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of a base hospital for failure to comply with any applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

Policy and Procedure Manual

EMT / AEMT Incident Investigations, Determination of Action, Notification and Administrative Hearing Process, Reference No. 903