

# SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 441

## **SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT OPTIONAL SKILLS: SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **PURPOSE:**

To establish the requirements and responsibilities for an S-SV EMS approved ALS ambulance provider's paramedics to use any of the following during interfacility transports:

- Nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone infusions
- Automatic Transport Ventilators (ATV's)

### **AUTHORITY:**

California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections: 1798.200, 1798.206, 1798.214, 1797.218, 1797.220, 1798.2, 1798.170, and 1798.172.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 100145

### **POLICY:**

Any ALS ambulance providers wishing to utilize paramedics to perform any of the interfacility transport optional skills shall be approved by the S-SV EMS Agency.

Any ALS ambulance provider utilizing paramedics to perform any of the interfacility transport optional skills shall meet all requirements set forth by State law, regulations and S-SV EMS policy.

Only those paramedics who have successfully completed training program(s) approved by the S-SV EMS Agency Medical Director on interfacility transport optional skills will be permitted to utilize such skills during interfacility transports.

#### **A. PARAMEDIC INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT OPTIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

1. ALS ambulance service providers utilizing paramedics to perform interfacility transport optional skills shall:

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- a. Utilize the appropriate training program (s) approved or provided by the S-SV EMS Agency, including the final written and skills examination.
- b. Provide the following minimum initial training in paramedic interfacility optional skills:
  - Monitoring IV nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone infusions – a minimum of two (2) hours
  - Monitoring Automatic Transport Ventilators (ATV's) – a minimum of two (2) hours
- c. Provide all training equipment necessary to ensure a sound paramedic interfacility optional skills training program (i.e. manikins, infusion devices, ATV's, audiovisual aids, etc.).
- d. Utilize only physicians or RN instructors to teach the required curriculum.
- e. Inform the S-SV EMS Agency of all course dates, times and locations.

**B. RECORDS/DATA COLLECTION:**

1. The paramedic must obtain a copy of the transferring physician's orders and attach them to the PCR.
2. Patients on nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone drips will have vital signs monitored and documented every 15 minutes.
3. Patients on ATV's will have vital signs monitored and documented every 15 minutes and immediately if there is any change in patient status or adjustment of the ATV settings

**C. CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI)**

100% of calls will be audited by the provider agency CQI process. Audits will assess compliance with physician orders and regional protocols, including base hospital contact in emergency situations. Reports will be sent to the S-SV EMS Agency as requested.

**D. OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The ALS ambulance provider shall maintain a roster of all paramedic personnel authorized to provide any of the interfacility optional skills.

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**CROSS REFERENCES:**

Prehospital Care Policy Manual

Paramedic interfacility transport optional skills: transferring hospital requirements, Reference No. 341

Paramedic interfacility transport optional skills: application and approval process, Reference No. 442

Intravenous infusion of nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone during interfacility transfers, Reference No. 841

Automatic Transport Ventilators during interfacility transfers, Reference No. 842