


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

Base/Modified Base Hospital Program

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PURPOSE:

To establish requirements for base and modified base hospitals in the S-SV EMS region.

AUTHORITY:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, § 1797.16, 1797.107, 1797.171, 1797.204, 1797.206, 1797.214, 1797.218, 1797.220, 1798.102, and 1798.104.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 3 & 4.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. Base Hospital: A hospital that meets the requirements of this policy and utilizes S-SV EMS authorized Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) and/or emergency department physicians to provide medical direction and supervision to prehospital personnel in the S-SV EMS region. Base hospitals shall have a current base hospital agreement in place with S-SV EMS in order to operate as such.
- B. Modified Base Hospital: A hospital that meets the requirements of this policy and utilizes only emergency department physicians to provide medical direction and supervision to prehospital personnel in the S-SV EMS region. Modified base hospitals shall have a current modified base hospital agreement in place with S-SV EMS in order to operate as such.
- C. Emergency Medical Services Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP): Methods of evaluation that are composed of structure, process, and outcome evaluations which focus on improvement efforts to identify root causes of problems, intervene to reduce or eliminate these causes, and take steps to correct process, and recognize excellence in performance and delivery of care, pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 12 and S-SV EMS policies.

POLICY:

S-SV EMS shall designate base and modified hospitals to receive ambulance patients and provide medical direction and supervision to prehospital personnel in the S-SV EMS region.

PROCEDURE:

- A. A designated base or modified base hospital shall:
1. Be licensed by the California Department of Public Health as a general acute care hospital.
 2. Be accredited by a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved deeming authority.
 3. Have a special permit for basic or comprehensive emergency medical service pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5, or have been granted approval by the California EMS Authority for utilization as a base hospital pursuant to the provisions of Section 1798.101 of the California Health and Safety Code.
 4. Have and agree to utilize/maintain two-way telecommunications capable of direct two-way voice communication with prehospital personnel.
 5. Maintain a record of all online medical direction between the prehospital provider and the base/modified base hospital as specified by S-SV EMS policies.
 6. Have a written agreement with S-SV EMS, which is reviewed every three (3) years, indicating the concurrence of hospital administration, medical staff and emergency department staff to meet the requirements for program participation as specified in this policy.
 7. Designate a base/modified 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 Medical Director. The base/modified base hospital medical director shall be regularly assigned to the emergency department, have experience in and knowledge of base/modified base hospital radio operations and S-SV EMS policies, procedures and protocols, and shall be responsible for functions of the base/modified base hospital including the EMSQIP.
 8. Identify a base/modified base hospital coordinator who is a California licensed Registered Nurse with experience in and knowledge of base/modified base hospital operations and S-SV EMS policies, procedures and protocols to act as a prehospital liaison to the local EMS system.
 9. Assure that nurses giving medical direction to prehospital personnel are trained and authorized as MICNs by S-SV EMS.

10. Have a physician licensed in the State of California, experienced in emergency medical care, assigned to the emergency department; available at all times to provide immediate medical direction to MICN or prehospital personnel. This physician shall have experience in and knowledge of base/modified base hospital radio operations and S-SV EMS policies, procedures and protocols.

11. Ensure that a mechanism exists for prehospital providers to contract for the provision of medications, medical supplies and equipment used for patient care according S-SV EMS policies and procedures.

12. Provide for continuing education (CE) in accordance with S-SV EMS policies.

13. Agree to participate in the S-SV EMS EMSQIP, which may include making available all relevant records for program monitoring and evaluation.

B. S-SV EMS may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of a base or modified base hospital for failure to comply with any applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

A. Education:

An S-SV EMS approved base/modified base hospital shall:

1. Act as an education resource for prehospital provider agencies.
2. Maintain approval as an EMS continuing education (CE) provider.
3. Provide formal education programs for prehospital personnel.
4. Assist in providing special and mandatory training programs deemed necessary by S-SV EMS.
5. Provide supervised clinical experience for prehospital care students/trainees in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22 and S-SV EMS policies and procedures.
6. Provide clinical skills remediation training for prehospital personnel as needed.

B. EMS System Involvement:

An S-SV EMS approved base/modified base hospital shall participate in S-SV EMS regional committee meetings and other EMS activities that affect the region.

C. Patient Care Records:

An S-SV EMS approved base/modified base hospital shall participate in a collaborative manner with S-SV EMS data collection programs.

D. Multi Casualty Incidents/Disaster Planning and Response:

1. An S-SV EMS approved base/modified base hospital shall reasonably participate in local and regional disaster drills; including utilization of EMResource.
2. An S-SV EMS approved base/modified base hospital shall actively participate in local and regional disaster related planning efforts.
3. During a Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) or disaster, the procedures indicated in the applicable OES Region III/OES Region IV MCI Plans and S-SV EMS policies shall be followed.

CROSS REFERENCES:

- A. Recording Voice Communication and Maintenance of Records (306).
- B. Patient Destination (505).
- C. Ambulance Patient Diversion (508).
- D. Prehospital Documentation (605).
- E. EMS System Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP) (620).
- F. Base/Modified Base/Receiving Hospital Contact (812).
- G. Multi Casualty Incidents (837).
- H. Crisis Standard of Care Procedures (838).
- I. ALS/LALS Annual Infrequently Used Skills Verification And Regional Training Module (1110).