


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. HSC, 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. CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 3 & 4.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Base Hospital** – A hospital that meets the requirements contained in this policy, and utilizes S-SV EMS authorized Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) and/or emergency department physicians to provide medical direction/supervision to prehospital EMS 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 contained in this policy, and utilizes only emergency department physicians to provide medical direction/supervision to prehospital EMS 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/supervision to prehospital EMS personnel in the S-SV EMS region.

PROCEDURE:

- A. An S-SV EMS 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 EMS personnel.
 5. Maintain a record of all online medical direction between prehospital EMS and base/modified base hospital personnel as specified in 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 and/or prehospital EMS 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 EMS 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 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 base/modified base hospital approval for failure to comply with any applicable policies, procedures, statutes or regulations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

A. Education:

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

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

B. EMS System Involvement:

An S-SV EMS designated 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 designated 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 designated base/modified base hospitals shall reasonably participate in local and regional disaster drills; including utilization of EMResource.
2. An S-SV EMS designated 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 applicable MCI plans and S-SV EMS policies/protocols shall be followed.