

Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy			
Biomedical Equipment Maintenance			
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PURPOSE:

To ensure EMS prehospital providers establish/maintain an adequate biomedical equipment maintenance program, and that pertinent equipment malfunctions are reported to S-SV EMS in a timely manner.

AUTHORITY:

- A. HSC, Division 2.5, § 1797.204, 1797.220.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 2, 3 and 4.

POLICY:

- A. EMS prehospital providers in the S-SV EMS region shall have a maintenance program for biomedical equipment utilized for patient care in the prehospital setting.
- B. Preventative maintenance on biomedical equipment shall meet or exceed the criteria recommended by the manufacturer.
- C. Individuals performing scheduled maintenance or repair shall possess the necessary credentials recommended by the manufacturer.
- D. EMS prehospital providers shall immediately remove from service any biomedical equipment suspected of malfunctioning. Any malfunctioning biomedical equipment shall not be placed back into service until properly serviced or repaired by the manufacturer or manufacturer’s authorized service program.
- E. Prehospital providers/personnel are required to report any observed or suspected instances of biomedical equipment failure as follows:
 - 1. Immediately to an on-duty supervisor.
 - 2. Immediately to the RN or physician staff at the receiving facility if the malfunctioning equipment failure impacted or has a potential to impact patient health and well-being.

3. To S-SV EMS by the end of the next business day. This report shall include the EMS prehospital provider's name, date of incident, type/model of device, patient's name, run number, description of incident, impact or potential impact on patient care, and any applicable remediation/corrective actions taken.
- F. Records documenting compliance with this policy shall be subject to review and inspection by S-SV EMS representatives.