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ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

Date: July 6, 2026

To: EMS System Participants

From: Troy M. Falck MD, FACEP, FAAEM, Medical Director
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Subject: S-SV EMS Prehospital Policy/Protocol Update #79 – Effective 10/1/2026

Please be aware of the following information related to the S-SV EMS Policy/Protocol Update #79, effective October 1, 2026:

- This document contains a summary of applicable policy/protocol actions related to this update.
- EMS providers are responsible for distribution of new/revised S-SV EMS policies/protocols to their applicable personnel.
- S-SV EMS no longer publishes paper field manuals. All current policies/protocols are available on the S-SV EMS Agency website (www.ssvems.com) and mobile applications.
- The S-SV EMS mobile applications will be transitioning from CityGovApp to Acid Remap prior to October 1, 2026. Additional communication related to this matter will be provided as necessary.
- Final individual PDF versions of all new and revised policy/protocol documents will be published on the S-SV EMS website (www.ssvems.com) and the S-SV EMS mobile applications prior to the October 1, 2026 effective date.
- Markup and final S-SV EMS Policy Manual #79 packets are available on the S-SV EMS REMAC webpage: <https://www.ssvems.com/remac/#policy-protocol-updates>

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POLICY UPDATES SUMMARY		
Policy #	Policy Title	Summary of Changes & Notes
306	Base/Modified Base Hospital Recording & Maintenance Of EMS Patient Care Communications	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
341	Paramedic IFT Optional Skills Transferring Hospital Requirements	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
405	Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)	• Revised with addition on prearrival medical instructions requirements related to AB 645.
441 & 441-A	Paramedic IFT Opt. Skills Provider Agency Approval, Requirements & Responsibilities	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
506	STEMI Receiving Center Designation Criteria, Requirements & Responsibilities	• Revised for consistency with the updated California Title 22, Ch. 6 Specialty Systems of Care Regulations.
507	Stroke Receiving Center Designation Criteria, Requirements & Responsibilities	• Revised for consistency with the updated California Title 22, Ch. 6 Specialty Systems of Care Regulations.
509	Trauma Center Designation Criteria, Requirements & Responsibilities	• Revised for consistency with the updated California Title 22, Ch. 6 Specialty Systems of Care Regulations.
605	EMS Documentation	• Multiple substantive revisions related to ePCR documentation requirements.

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POLICY UPDATES SUMMARY (continued)		
Policy #	Policy Title	Summary of Changes & Notes
622	Prehospital Provider Clinical Performance Standards	• New Prehospital Provider Clinical Performance Standards Policy.
835	Medical Control At The Scene Of An Emergency	• Routine review, no substantive changes
836	Hazardous Materials Incidents	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
839	Physician On Scene	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
840	Medical Control For Transfers Between Acute Care Facilities	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
841	Paramedic Interfacility Transport (IFT) Optional Skills	• Merged previous policies 841, 842, 843 & 844 into a single policy. No substantive content changes.
849	Transfer Of Patient Care	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
851	EMS Care Of Minor Patients	• Routine review, no substantive changes.

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POLICY UPDATES SUMMARY (continued)		
Policy #	Policy Title	Summary of Changes & Notes
853	Tasered Patient Care & Transport	Routine review, minor revisions related to patients accompanied by law enforcement during transport.
PROTOCOL UPDATES SUMMARY		
Protocol #	Protocol Title	Summary of Changes & Notes
C-2 & C-2 (LALS)	Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC)	Revised treatment algorithm to refer to other applicable protocols & addition of Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) information.
C-5 & C-5 (LALS)	Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)	Additional clarification language related to the treatment of VAD patients, including information on adequate perfusion.
R-1 & R-1 (LALS)	Airway Obstruction	Addition of back blows for consistency with updated AHA recommendations.
M-6 & M-6 (LALS)	General Medical Treatment	Additional language related to treatment of suspected AAA patients
M-8 & M-8 (LALS)	Pain Management	Revised algorithm treatment titles to 'Non-Acute Pain' & 'Acute Pain'. Added IM ketamine route.
N-3 & N-3 (LALS)	Suspected Stroke	Additional of numerical CPSS stroke score. Additional language related to transport destination consultation for suspected LVO stroke patients.

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Protocol #	Protocol Title	Summary of Changes & Notes
E-7 & E-7 (LALS)	Hazardous Material Exposure	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
E-8 & E-8 (LALS)	Nerve Agent Treatment	• Routine review, no substantive changes.
T-1 & T-1 (LALS)	General Trauma Management	• Updated fluid administration & SMR language.
T-4 & T-4 (LALS)	Hemorrhage	• Additional ALS treatment language. Revised TXA administration language (ALS protocol),
T-5 & T-5 (LALS)	Burns	• Minor revisions related to 'Secondary Actions'.
R-1P & R-1P (LALS)	Pediatric Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO)	• Clarification language regarding back blows & chest/abdominal thrusts.