

1001 Medical Control

I. PURPOSE

- A. To define the role of the Medical Director of the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) with respect to EMS medical control.

II. DEFINITION

- A. "Medical control" means the medical management of the EMS System, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5, Division 2.5 of the California Health and Safety Code.

III. POLICY

- A. The Medical Director of the LEMSA shall establish and maintain medical control in the following manner:
 - 1. Approve and regularly review the EMS Agency policies and procedures to assure medical control of the EMS System. These shall include at a minimum:
 - a. Readily accessible treatment protocols that encompass EMS scope of practice.
 - b. The development of, and ongoing monitoring of, a comprehensive, system-wide Continuous Quality Improvement and Assurance Program and its Incident Event Review Process.
 - c. Transport and transfer policies (air and ground).
 - 2. Certification and recertification of EMT personnel and local accreditation of paramedics.
 - 3. Administration of due process standards established by the California EMS Authority regarding the suspension and revocation of EMT and paramedic certificates/accreditation.
 - 4. Evaluate and authorize EMS training programs.
 - 5. Evaluate and authorize EMS dispatch centers.
 - 6. Evaluate and authorize EMS service providers.
 - 7. Evaluate and authorize EMS receiving facilities, EMS base hospitals and specialty care centers.