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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES and PROCEDURES

MEDICAL CONTROL – EMS AGENCY MEDICAL DIRECTOR

I. Purpose: To define the role of the Medical Director of the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SBCEMSA) with respect to EMS Medical Control.

II. Authority: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections [1797.202](#) and [1798](#). California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections [100144](#), [100146](#), [100147](#), [100169](#)

III. Definitions:

A. *Medical Control:* The medical oversight, direction, coordination and overall management of the Emergency Medical Services System.

IV. Policy:

The Santa Barbara County EMS Agency (SBCEMSA) Medical Director is responsible for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Santa Barbara County EMS System. The EMS medical director shall provide oversight of the system through coordination with system stakeholders and by performing the duties outlined in statute.

V. Procedure:

- A. The SBCEMSA Medical Director shall establish and maintain Medical Control of the EMS System by performing, but not limited to, the following duties:
1. Establish and approve local protocols or assimilate regional or State structured protocols for use in Santa Barbara County;
 2. Planning, implementation, and oversight of specialty care systems
 3. Participate in the review and approval/disapproval of EMT certification or recertification, Paramedic local accreditation or reverification
 4. Establish standards of due process regarding the suspension and revocation of EMT certifications and/or Paramedic licenses;
 5. Review and evaluate petitions for new, and current, Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Technician and/or Paramedic training programs in accordance with local and state regulations;
 6. Promote high quality patient care through continuing education, continuous quality improvement programs, provider training, and use of trial studies to promote evidence-based medicine and best practices in Santa Barbara County;
 7. Direct and oversee EMS system communications including Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) operations;
 8. Additional duties and functions may be implemented by the Medical Director as dictated by California State Statute and Regulations.

VI. References:

A. None

VII. Attachments

A. None

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