

COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Policy Title: Guidelines For Base Hospital Contact		Policy Number: 704
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- I. PURPOSE: To define patient conditions for which Paramedics shall establish BH contact.
- II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code Sections 1798, 1798.102 and 1798.2
- III. POLICY: A paramedic shall contact a Base Hospital in the appropriate catchment area, based on the location of the incident in the following circumstances:
  - A. Any patient to which ALS care is rendered under VCEMS Policy 705: County Wide Protocols.
  - B. Patients with traumatic injuries who triage into steps 1-4 of VCEMS Policy 1405: Field Triage Decision Scheme.
  - C. General Cases
    - 1. Significant vaginal bleeding (OB or non-OB related).
    - 2. Pregnant female in significant distress (e.g., symptoms of placenta previa, placenta abruptio, toxemia, retained placenta, etc.).
    - 3. Syncope / Near Syncope
    - 4. Any safely surrendered baby.
    - 5. AMA involving any of the conditions listed in this policy.
    - 6. AMA including suspected altered level of consciousness
    - 7. AMA involving an actual/suspected BRUE patient.
    - 8. AMA involving any pediatric patient under 2 years old
    - 9. Any patient who, in paramedic's opinion, would benefit from base hospital consultation.