

FRESNO/KINGS/MADERA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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I. POLICY

Pediatric Critical Care Centers in or for Fresno, Kings and Madera Counties are designated by the local Boards of Supervisors as determined and recommended by the local Health Directors and local EMS Agency, based upon the need for local and, when appropriate, regional EMS pediatric critical care services.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Fresno County Health Services Agency, as the local EMS Agency for Fresno, Kings and Madera Counties, shall develop and update a plan for the provision of emergency medical care to children within Fresno, Kings and Madera Counties. This plan shall minimally address the provision of pediatric care services, triage mechanisms for patient routing, the number and type of pediatric critical care centers needed for local and, when applicable, regional pediatric care needs, and the evaluation process for the pediatric critical care system.
- B. A Regional Pediatric Critical Care Task Force will be organized for the purpose of formalizing recommendations to the Department of Health concerning all aspects of the pediatric critical care centers needed for effective system operation.
- C. Any hospital wishing to gain a pediatric critical care center designation shall apply to the local EMS Agency. This application shall include the hospital's commitment to offer services according to the standards established by the local policy on pediatric critical care center criteria, and the proposed time table for implementation.
- D. Applications shall be reviewed for their compliance with both California Children Services Standards for pediatric intensive care units and local standards for pediatric critical care centers, as well as their impact on medical and trauma needs. Appropriate EMS advisory committees, including the Regional Pediatric Critical Care Task Force, will be consulted for their recommendations.
- E. If more than one hospital competes for a role in the local system, which is deemed necessary by the Pediatric Critical Care Task Force and the local EMS Agency, a Request for Proposal procedure may be necessary to determine the successful applicant.

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- F. The local Health Directors and local EMS Agency shall determine and recommend a plan for Pediatric Critical Care Services to their respective Board of Supervisors.
- G. The local County Boards of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the local Health Directors and the local EMS Agency, may make provisional designations of facilities to allow for system and hospital evaluation.
- H. Any change in designation will become part of the revised pediatric critical care system plan and will require approval by the local Boards of Supervisors.
- I. Failure by a hospital to comply with applicable local pediatric critical care requirements and State Pediatric Intensive Care Unit requirements may result in forfeiture of their pediatric critical care center designation.
- J. Failure by a hospital to provide an adequate quality of care, as identified through medical and quality audit procedures, may result in forfeiture of their pediatric critical care center designation.