TO: All Fresno EMS Personnel
FROM: Daniel J. Lynch, EMS Director
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SUBJECT: Destination Policy – 5150 Patients

It has been brought to the attention of the EMS Agency that many patients meeting the criteria for direct transport to Community Intervention Services (CIS) are being not transported to CIS. It is important that we follow the destination policy, regardless of the previous history of which patients were accepted at CIS. If the patient meets criteria for direct transport to CIS, then transport the patient to CIS. In the event that CIS does not accept a patient that meets the CIS destination criteria, ask the patient which hospital he/she would like to be transported to. If the patient does not select a hospital, transport to the closest appropriate facility. If the patient is refused by CIS, document the specifics of the call on a QI form.

Current policy provides the following list of criteria that applies to patients on a 5150 hold who shall be directly transported to CIS or Children’s Crisis Assessment Intervention Resolution (CCAIR):

- No urgent medical complaint or evidence of acute medical/surgical/trauma problem.
- No disorientation or change in baseline mental status due to delirium.
- Glasgow Coma Score 14 or 15.
- No lacerations with a gap of greater than 2 mm or fat/muscle visible in the wound (excludes any type of stab wound).
- No lacerations or wounds inflicted by others.
- Complete vital signs within limits:
  i. Adults:
     1. Pulse: 50-120.
     3. Diastolic Blood Pressure: less than 120.
     4. Respiratory Rate: 12-30.
ii. Pediatrics:
   1. Vital signs appropriate for children (policy 530.32).

   • Not febrile to palpation/measurement.
   • Alcohol or illicit drug intoxication acceptable if patient can walk without assistance.

EMS Policy #547 includes a screening form that assists EMS personnel in determining the destination of a 5150 patient. This screening form should be used to determine when a patient shall be transported directly to CIS or CCAIR.

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Attachment
Patient has **NO** urgent medical complaint or evidence of acute medical/surgical problem.
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

Patient has **NO** disorientation or change in baseline mental status due to delirium.
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

Patient has a Glasgow Coma Score 14 or 15.
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

There are **NO** lacerations with a gap of greater than 2 mm or fat/muscle visible in the wound (excludes any type of stab wound).
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

There are **NO** lacerations or wounds inflicted by others.
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

Complete vital signs are within limits:

**Adults:**
- Pulse in range 50-120.
- Systolic Blood Pressure in range 100-180.
- Diastolic Blood Pressure less than 120.
- Respiratory Rate in range 12-30.
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

**Pediatrics:**
- Vital signs appropriate for children (policy 530.32).
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

Patient is **NOT** febrile to palpation/measurement.
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

If the patient is under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs, patient can walk without assistance
   [ ] True  [ ] False – transport Patient/Family Choice

If all of the above answers are **True**, patient may be transported to CIS/CCAIR. Otherwise transport is Patient/Family Choice.