




Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Fresno County  
Department of Public Health

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.
    2. Systolic Blood Pressure: 100-180.
    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

**Central California EMS Agency**  
**Criteria for Transporting a Fresno County 5150 Patient Directly to CIS or CCAIR Screening Form**

**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMS #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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.  True  False – transport Patient/Family Choice

Systolic Blood Pressure in range 100-180.  True  False – transport Patient/Family Choice

Diastolic Blood Pressure less than 120.  True  False – transport Patient/Family Choice

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.