CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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I. POLICY

EMT-Paramedics (EMT-Ps) and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) shall utilize the procedures identified in the Paramedic Treatment Protocols for the provision of medical treatment by EMT-P personnel.

II. PURPOSE

These treatment protocols establish the standard of care for Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare County Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics (EMT-Ps). These protocols will provide standing orders for the Paramedics, determine the priority for transport, the priority for Base Hospital contact, treatment that requires Base Physician approval, and treatment allowed during communication failure situations.

<u>NOTE</u>: Any significant deviations from these protocols by Paramedics or Mobile Intensive Care Nurses shall be reviewed by the Base Hospital Medical Director. A summary report of these incidents will be forwarded to the EMS Medical Director according to Quality Improvement reporting procedures. Base Hospital Physicians are also asked to follow the protocols whenever possible. However, Base Hospital Physicians may deviate from these protocols at times, according to their judgment.

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