

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

Manual Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number 552 Page 1 of 1
Subject Out of County Transports	
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I. POLICY

- A. Prehospital personnel may function outside of Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare Counties in accordance with local EMS Policy and Procedures and State Regulations.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. When prehospital personnel in Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare Counties are requested to respond outside of the four county region:
1. The EMT-I, EMT-II, EMT-Paramedic shall maintain medical control from the usual source within the certification of the Central California EMS Region. Medical control includes protocols for prior to Base Hospital contact and radio failure treatment as well as treatment ordered by Base Hospitals.
 2. EMS Personnel from outside of Fresno, Kings, Madera, or Tulare County shall maintain their medical control from their own usual Base Hospital.
- B. Ground units may be requested to assist in counties not within the Central California EMS Region. Ground units within Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare Counties shall not function outside the four county region if the capabilities of radio or cellular telephone are not available. Radio and cellular telephone capabilities must be capable of being maintained throughout the transport. If there are small areas of non-communication, radio failure procedures should be followed.
- C. Ground units within Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare Counties may function within the scope of practice during interfacility transfers to any county if the capabilities of radio or cellular telephone are available during transport. Radio or cellular telephone capabilities must be capable of being maintained throughout the transport. If there are small areas of non-communication, radio failure procedures should be followed. EMS personnel should refer to EMS Policy #553 and #139 to ensure that EMS Personnel are providing therapy within their scope of practice.
- D. EMS helicopters (ALS Personnel) may function on prehospital missions where radio communications or cellular telephone to a County designated Base Hospital could reasonably be obtained from the air.

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