



TRANSPORT OF MINORS

I. AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.220 and 1798. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100146.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy describes the guidelines for treatment and/or transport of a minor child.

III. GUIDELINES:

A. General Policy

It is the policy of the EMS system that minors shall receive rapid evaluation and treatment under implied consent.

B. Consent

1. Voluntary consent: Treatment and/or transport of a minor child shall be with verbal or written consent of the natural parents or court appointed guardian, when available.
2. Implied consent: In the absence of a natural parent or court appointed guardian, evaluation, treatment and/or transport of a minor child shall not be delayed pending parental consent. Treatment or transport may be authorized by a police officer who has placed a minor child in custody.
3. ALS treatment and/or transport of a minor child, where the natural parents or guardian are not present, will be under the direction of the base hospital physician.

C. Transport to a Paramedic Receiving Center (PRC)

1. A minor child who needs emergency evaluation and possibly treatment without parents or legal guardian on-scene, shall be transported to the nearest or most appropriate PRC or specialty care hospital under base hospital direction.
2. A minor child who is evaluated by an EMT-P and determined not to be injured, or has sustained only minor injuries, or is not ill may be released to:
 - a. Self, if appropriate
 - b. Parents or guardian
 - c. A responsible adult (EMT, school nurse, law enforcement official or person of similar standing) at the scene.
3. Transport of minor children with parent/guardian may be handled as an adult transport.

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