



REVIEW OF EMS POLICY BY A BASE HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN

I. AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety (HS) Code 1798. The medical direction and management of an emergency medical services system shall be under the medical control of the medical director of the local EMS agency. This medical control shall be maintained in accordance with standards for medical control established by the authority.

In the event a medical director of a base hospital (BH) questions the medical effect of a policy of a local EMS agency, the medical director of the BH shall submit a written statement to the medical director of the local EMS agency requesting a review by a panel of medical directors of other BH. Upon receipt of the request, the medical director of a local EMS agency shall promptly convene a panel of medical directors of BH to evaluate the written statement. The panel shall be composed of all the medical directors of the BH in the region, except that the local EMS medical director may limit the panel to five members.

HS 1798.2. The base hospital (BH) shall implement the policies and procedures established by the local EMS agency and approved by the medical director of the local EMS agency for medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care personnel.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy establishes a process for a BH physician to request a medical review of an Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) policy and procedure or treatment guideline.

III. PROCESS:

- A. The base hospital physician director (BHPD) shall prepare a written statement concerning the medical effect of the policy/guideline to be reviewed and shall submit the statement to the OCEMS Medical Director no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the BHPD committee.
- B. The BHPD committee shall review the policy/guideline in question and make its recommendation to the BHPD committee Medical Director in writing within thirty (30) days of the BHPD Committee meeting.
- C. The OCEMS Medical Director shall submit, in writing, his final decision concerning the policy/guideline in question to the physician director of each BH within thirty (30) days of receipt of the BHPD Committee's recommendation.

Italicized text identifies quotations from an authority outside the Orange County EMSA.

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