Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency

POLICY NO. 238.00

Title: EMT Eligibility for Two-Tiered Response

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EMT ELIGIBILITY FOR TWO-TIERED RESPONSE

I. AUTHORITY

   Health & Safety Code 1797.170, 1797.202, 1797.204, 1797.220.

II. DEFINITION

   A. "Agency" means Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency

   B. "Basic Life Support (BLS)" means patient care and scope of practice provided by Emergency Medical Services personnel trained at the Emergency Medical Technician Basic level.

   C. "Clinical Education Specialist/Manager (CES Manager)" means individual responsible for oversight of the respective ambulance provider Clinical Education.

   D. "Emergency Medical Dispatch Provider Agency" means the dispatch center that provided Emergency Medical Dispatch, including pre-arrival instructions, utilizing a card system approved by the EMS Agency.

   E. "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)" means Emergency Medical Technician Basic certified and approved to work in Stanislaus County

   F. "EMT Applicant" means an EMT that has a minimum of 6 months of work experience in Stanislaus County and is in the process of completing the additional training required to operate in the BLS Two-Tier response system on a BLS staffed ambulance.

   G. "Patient Care Report (PCR)" means the Agency approved program to create electronic patient care report legal documents completed after each patient contact.

III. <u>PURPOSE</u>

    A. To establish a training standard required for Emergency Medical Technicians to become eligible to work in a Basic Life Support level staffed ambulance in the Stanislaus County Two-Tiered 911 Response system.

IV. <u>POLICY</u>

    A. Application Process

        1. Ambulance Providers operating in the Stanislaus County 911 system shall create and make available a process for their EMT employee to become eligible to work as an EMT in the 911 BLS Two-Tier response system. This process shall include the necessary training as listed in "Section IV. Policy, subsection 'B'".

    B. EMT Eligibility Requirements

        1. Emergency Medical Technicians must complete the following requirements to become eligible to staff a BLS ambulance and respond to approved BLS 911 calls dispatched by the Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Dispatch provider.

            a. Staffing of a BLS unit operating in the Stanislaus County BLS 911-tiered response system shall consist of at least one (1) EMT with a minimum of one (1) year experience as an EMT working in Stanislaus County

            b. Complete additional Agency approved training consisting of:

                i. Agency approved training covering BLS Against Medical Advice/Refusal of Service documentation.

                ii. Agency approved training on the Pediatric Assessment Triangle (PAT).

                iii. Hands-on refresher of EMT expanded scope of practice skills consisting of;

                    a) Skill review and practice on mannequin, to demonstrate proficiency in the following skills which shall be proctored by the employer Clinical Education Specialist/Manager:

                        i) Agency approved supraglottic airway device
                        ii) Naloxone administration
                        iii) 1;1000 Epinephrine administration
                        iv) Aspirin administration
                        v) AED
                        vi) Agency approved mechanical CPR device

V. <u>PROCEDURE</u>

    A. EMT Upgrade Process

       1. Prior to being eligible to work in the Stanislaus County BLS 911 Two-Tiered response system, EMT's shall attend and complete all requirements listed in section IV. Policy EMT Eligibility Requirements.

       2. It is the responsibility of the Clinical Education Specialist/Manager to ensure EMT's are proficient in all Agency approved EMT expanded scope of practice skills prior to staffing a BLS ambulance operating in the Stanislaus County Two-tiered 911 Response System.

       3. Once the EMT has successfully completed the training requirements, the EMT will be eligible to staff a 911 BLS ambulance operating in the Two-Tier response system.