

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATION AND REDESIGNATION PROCESS

I. PURPOSE

To define the process by which a hospital may be designated as a Trauma Center.

II. DEFINITION

A. "**Trauma Center**" or "**designated Trauma Center**" means a licensed hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which has been designated as a Level I, II, III, or IV Trauma Center and/or Level I or II pediatric Trauma Center by the local EMS agency, in accordance with Trauma Care System.

III. POLICY

- A. Monterey County EMS will use an application process for designation of a Level II Trauma Center. The process will be structured to allow application by any interested acute care hospital.
- B. Submitted proposals will be reviewed by Monterey County EMS Agency staff for completeness and compliance with minimum requirements. Monterey County EMS Agency will offer applicants whose proposals are incomplete or not fully compliant an opportunity to revise the proposal prior to its review by the Trauma Proposal Review Team.
- C. The Trauma Proposal Review Team, which reviews the written proposals and conducts site visits, will include a trauma surgeon, emergency physician(s), trauma program manager, and/or hospital administrator, EMS agency administrator, and/or similar experts as necessary. It will consist of individuals who:
1. Have previous expertise in trauma center and trauma system operation;
 2. Understand the multi-disciplinary nature of trauma care;
 3. Have no known conflicts of interest; and,
 4. Are from outside of the Monterey County area.
- D. Based on the recommendations(s) of the Trauma Proposal Review Team, the Monterey County EMS Agency will designate the Level II Trauma Center with confirmation from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. The EMS Agency's preliminary decision may be appealed to an appeal committee consisting of the Director of Health, a trauma medical director and a hospital administrator. The committee will review the appeal and make recommendations to the Monterey County EMS Agency whose decision will be final. Grounds for appeals are limited to alleged failure to follow the Trauma Center

Designation process and criteria and/or conflicts of interest. Monterey County EMS Agency will execute a contract with the designated Trauma Center based on the proposal, EMS trauma policies, and State laws and regulations. If Monterey County EMS Agency and the facility are unable to mutually agree on a contract, the designation may be withdrawn and offered to another acute care hospital which has applied for Trauma Center designation.

END OF POLICY