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INTEGRATION OF PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS

I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1798.162, 1798.163
California Code of Regulations Section 100255, 100259, 100263, 100264, 100266.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Pediatric" or "pediatric patient" means an individual, under the age of 14 who meets trauma triage criteria.
- B. "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 California Trauma Care System Regulations.

III. PURPOSE

To promote appropriate care of pediatric trauma patients.

IV. POLICY

Each trauma center, as a condition of designation, shall have:

- A. Written transfer agreement with a pediatric intensive care unit and a pediatric trauma center;
- B. Criteria, approved by the medical staff, identifying pediatric patients for whom a consultation with a pediatric trauma center or pediatric critical care center should be sought.