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**CHILDBIRTH**

I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

II. DEFINITIONS: Designated Hospital may include any of the following facilities:

- Sutter-Roseville Medical Center, Roseville
- U.C. Davis Medical Center, Davis
- Madera Children’s, Madera
- Regional Medical Center, Fresno
- San Joaquin General, Stockton
- Washoe Medical Center, Reno NV
- Doctors Medical Center, Modesto\*
- Memorial Medical Center, Modesto\*

\*These facilities are considered equidistant for purposes of determining closest facility located in Modesto.

III. PURPOSE: To serve as a patient treatment standard for EMT-1s and Paramedics within their scope of practice.

IV. PROTOCOL:

<b>STANDING ORDERS</b>	
<b>ALL DELIVERIES</b>	
<b>ASSESS</b>	CAB
<b>OXYGEN</b>	Oxygen delivery as appropriate.
<b>MONITOR</b>	Treat rhythm as appropriate
<b>ROUTINE DELIVERY</b>	
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	Transport with mother placed on left side.
<b>DELIVER NEWBORN</b>	As head is delivered <b>clear airway if needed</b> .. Use hand on head to prevent explosive delivery. If cord is wrapped around neck and cannot be slipped over the newborn’s head, double clamp and cut between clamps. Complete delivery of newborn’s body. Dry newborn and keep warm. Place newborn on mother’s abdomen or breast. Double clamp and cut cord between clamps 6 – 8 inches from newborn.
<b>ASSESS NEWBORN</b>	Refer to Newborn Resuscitation Policy 555.10
<b>FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF PLACENTA</b>	Massage Fundus
<b>BREECH PRESENTATION</b>	
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	Code 3 while maintaining airway for newborn to a Designated Hospital.
<b>CONSULT BASE PHYSICIAN</b>	
<b>DELIVER NEWBORN</b>	For a buttocks presentation, allow newborn to deliver to waist. Support the limbs and torso. Use hand on torso to prevent explosive delivery. When legs and buttocks are delivered, the head can be assisted out. If the head does not deliver rapidly, insert gloved hand into vagina, palm towards baby’s face and cord between fingers to create an airway.

**STANDING ORDERS CONTINUED**

**PROLAPSED CORD**

**TRANSPORT**

Code 3 to a Designated Hospital.

**POSITION**

Place the mother supine in knee-chest position, face down.

**PROTECT CORD**

Insert gloved hand into vagina and gently push the presenting part off the cord. Cover exposed portion of cord with saline-soaked gauze. Do not attempt to push cord back into vagina.