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**SPECIAL EVENT COVERAGE**

I. **AUTHORITY**

Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.220; Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Sections 100126, 100146, and 100163.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

- A. Advanced Life Support (ALS) - means special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures as defined in H.S.C. Div 2.5, Section 1797.52.
- B. Agency - means the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.
- C. Basic Life Support (BLS) - means emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures which, as a minimum, include recognizing respiratory and cardiac arrest and starting the proper application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation to maintain life without invasive techniques until advanced life support is available.
- D. Local Provider - an ambulance service provider that is based inside the county whose service area encompassing the special event.
- E. Member Counties - means the counties which participate in the joint powers agreement for local EMS agency services with the Agency.
- F. Non-local Provider - means an ambulance service provider that is based outside the county encompasses the special event.
- G. Special Event - A pre-scheduled happening that, due to either the number of persons expected to be in attendance or the potential for injury during the activity, requires medical standby.

III. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide the procedures for the authorization of ALS Services and ambulance coverage for special events.

#### IV. POLICY

##### A. ALS Coverage

1. An ALS ambulance shall be required for all special events in which the sponsoring organization's by-laws or insurance carrier require an ambulance to "stand-by" at said special event.
2. If an ambulance is not required as described in Section IV, A, 1., but the special event sponsor wishes to provide ALS services without providing an ambulance, the requirements as described in Section V, (A) shall be met.

##### B. BLS Coverage

A BLS ambulance shall be allowed for all special events that do not require an ambulance due to the requirements of the special event sponsor's insurance carrier or the by-laws of the special event sponsor.

##### C. Transport of Patients from the Special Event

The transport of any patient(s) from the scene of a special event shall be made by the ambulance provider assigned to the area encompassing the special event except as described in Section V, (D).

##### D. Non-local Ambulance Providers

1. Non-local ALS providers wishing to provide special event coverage shall be required to obtain temporary accreditation of Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel who are not currently accredited within the Member Counties.
2. If an ALS ambulance is to be provided at the special event, the temporary authorization of the ALS ambulance service provider not currently approved within the Member Counties shall be required.
3. Non-local providers that wish to provide BLS ambulance coverage of a special event within the Member Counties shall apply for temporary authorization.

##### E. Duration of Special Event Authorization/Accreditation

For the purpose of providing ALS or BLS medical coverage for special events, Authorization/accreditation shall be effective only for the date(s) of the event.

##### F. Medical Control

There shall be medical control provided for all special events by the authorized base hospital(s) for the service area.

#### V. PROCEDURE

A. ALS Coverage

1. The Local ALS Provider Shall:
  - a. Make all necessary arrangements with the appropriate base hospital(s) for medical control.
  - b. Make all necessary arrangements with the authorized dispatch center(s) and ambulance companies servicing the operating area which encompasses the special event for dispatch, communication and patient transport.
  - c. Make all necessary arrangements with air ambulance transport, (if applicable).
  - d. Orient all ALS personnel covering the special event to the requirements listed above for the local ALS provider.
2. The Non-Local ALS Provider shall:
  - a. Be a provider in good standing within a county in the State of California and be currently licensed by the California Highway Patrol (for private providers) for operation in the county in which it is based pursuant to Article I, Section 2501 of the California Vehicle Code.
  - b. Complete and submit an application to the Agency for approval at least seven (7) working days prior to the event. The Agency shall ensure that provider meets all local authorization requirements and shall notify the local ambulance provider as soon as the special event provider is approved.
  - c. Make all necessary arrangements prior to the special event with a local base hospital(s) to provide medical control and have an acceptable plan for base hospital communication and patient documentation.
  - d. Make all necessary arrangements, prior to the event, with the locally authorized ambulance service(s), both ground and air (if applicable). for patient transport.
  - e. Make all necessary arrangements with the local designated dispatch center(s) for all communication requirements.
  - f. Ensure that all ALS personnel providing care for said provider, possess, at a minimum, temporary ALS accreditation, and have been oriented regarding all arrangements made with the base hospital(s) and local transporting ambulance service(s).
  - g. Ensure that all personnel limit their scope of practice to that for which they are licensed or certified.

- h. Agree to have available, on the grounds of the special event:
  - (1) if not providing an ambulance, all appropriate ALS equipment as required by the Agency, or
  - (2) if providing an ambulance, an ALS ambulance, completely stocked according to the policies of the county in which it is based. This ambulance must also be currently licensed by the California Highway Patrol (for private providers) for operation in the county in which it is based pursuant to Article I, Section 2501 of the California Vehicle Code. (A copy of this license must accompany the application).
- i. Agree to maintain documentation, utilizing the Patient Care Record (PCR) approved for use within the Member Counties, of all patient contacts pursuant to Sections 100168 (a,6A) and 100169 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. Copies of the PCR for all patients, must be forwarded to the base hospital and the Agency within 24 hours of the patient contact. On all patient transports, the original copy of the PCR must either accompany the patient to the hospital or be forwarded to the receiving hospital within twenty-four hours following the event.
- j. Pay application fees.
- k. Satisfy all requirements as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 5, Article 1.
- l. Satisfy Workers Compensation, California State Disability and carry all other applicable insurance as required by law.

3. ALS Staffing

For each ALS team, at least one member must be an EMT-P. Any ALS personnel not currently accredited within the Member Counties may receive temporary accreditation to work for an authorized ambulance provider for the purpose of supplying medical coverage for special events on completion of the following requirements:

- a. Must possess current licensure in good standing as an EMT-P in the State of California and possess local accreditation in a county within the State.
- b. Must complete, submit and have approved by the Agency an application for temporary accreditation.
- c. Must be oriented to the base hospital(s) communication and patient transport arrangements for the special event.
- d. Pay temporary accreditation fees.
- e. Have knowledge of the best transport route to the closest appropriate

receiving facility.

- f. Shall be assigned a "Special Event" unit name which utilizes the name of the special event during all communications.

B. BLS Coverage

1. The local BLS provider shall:

- a. Make all necessary arrangements with a local base hospital(s) to provide medical control.
- b. Make all necessary arrangements with the authorized dispatch center(s) and ambulance company servicing the operating area which encompasses the special event, for dispatch, communication and patient transport.
- c. Make all necessary arrangements with air ambulance transport, (if applicable).
- d. Orient all BLS personnel covering the special event to the requirements listed above for the local BLS provider.

2. The non-local BLS provider shall:

- a. Be a provider in good standing within a county in the State of California.
- b. Complete and submit an application to the Agency for approval at least seven (7) working days prior to the event.
- c. Make all necessary arrangements, prior to the special event with a local base hospital(s) to provide medical control and have an acceptable plan for base hospital communication and patient documentation.
- d. Make all necessary arrangements, prior to the special event, with the locally authorized ambulance service(s), both ground and air (if applicable), for dispatch, communication and patient transport.
- e. Make all necessary arrangements with the local designated dispatch center(s) for all communication requirements.
- f. Insure that all BLS personnel providing care for said provider, possess current certification as EMT-1s, and have been oriented regarding all arrangements made with the base hospital(s) and local, transporting ambulance service(s).
- g. Agree to have available, on the grounds of the special event all appropriate BLS equipment and staff as required by the California Highway Patrol and currently licensed by the California Highway Patrol for operation in the county in which it is based pursuant to Article I, Section 2501 of the

California Vehicle Code. (A copy of this license must accompany the application).

- h. Agree to maintain documentation, utilizing the PCR approved for use within this region, of all patient contacts pursuant to Sections 100085 (f) of the California Code of Regulations. Copies of the PCR for all patients must be forwarded to the base hospital and Agency within 24 hours of the incident. On all patient transports, the original copy of the PCR must either accompany the patient to the hospital with the transporting ambulance or be forwarded to the receiving hospital within twenty-four hours following the event.
- i. Pay Application Fees.
- j. Satisfy all requirements as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 5, Article 1.
- k. Satisfy Workers Compensation, California State Disability and carry all other applicable insurance as required by law.

3. BLS Staffing

All BLS personnel, (EMT I) shall:

- a. Possess current certification, in good standing as an EMT I, in the State of California.
- b. Be oriented to the base hospital(s) communication procedures for the special event.
- c. Have knowledge of the best transport route to the closest appropriate receiving facility.
- d. Be oriented regarding the appropriate method of contacting the designated dispatch center(s) to coordinate the dispatch of the ALS ambulance company servicing the operating area encompassing the special event.
- e. Shall be assigned a "Special Event" unit name which utilizes the name of the special event during all communications.

C. Medical Control

A base hospital within the Member Counties that is contacted by an authorized provider for the purpose of providing ALS or BLS medical control for a special event shall provide on-line and off-line medical control for the provider for said special event and the Agency will

conduct a 100% audit of all ambulance transports and a random review of patient contacts which occur during the event.

The Agency shall notify the base hospital(s) upon the approval of the provider's application and provide the base hospital(s) with a list of the EMT-Ps accredited for the ALS event(s).

D. Transportation

Ambulance service(s) providing regular ambulance response coverage to the zone in which the special event is being held shall provide transport services for all patients requiring ambulance transport from the special event with the following exception:

In the event that the transporting provider for the operating area encompassing the special event does not have an ambulance immediately available, or if the ETA of the responding ambulance is greater than the transport time to the closest appropriate facility, the base hospital may order transport via the ALS or BLS ambulance temporarily authorized for the special event coverage, if, in the base hospital's opinion, a patient's condition warrants rapid transport. In the event that the base hospital should order transport by the special event provider and it is in the best interest of the patient, if at all possible or practical, a rendezvous point should be arranged to transfer transportation of the patient to an authorized transport provider to enable the ambulance covering the special event to return for coverage.

A rendezvous should especially be considered by the base hospital if the transporting special events ambulance is a BLS ambulance or if the transporting special events ambulance is an ALS ambulance and the transport time is greater than thirty minutes to the closest appropriate receiving facility.

Prior to transferring any patient to another provider, the patients condition and delay caused by transferring care should be considered. Such transfer of a patient shall require the order of the base hospital.