

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MEDICAL COUNCIL**

REFERENCE NO. 204

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PURPOSE: To describe the composition and functions of a medical council that will advise the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency's Medical Director.

POLICY:

- I. There shall be a Medical Council that provides specialized advice to the Medical Director of the EMS Agency.
- II. Medical Council membership shall include physician representatives of the following:
  - A. Base hospitals
  - B. 9-1-1 receiving hospitals (non-base/non-trauma)
  - C. Health maintenance organizations
  - D. Trauma centers
  - E. Public paramedic provider agencies and private ambulance companies
  - F. Los Angeles County Medical Association

**Note: Physicians interested in serving on the Medical Council who are affiliated with one or more of the entities noted above shall submit a written request for membership to the EMS Agency's Medical Director for consideration.**

- III. Ex Officio Medical Council membership shall include:
  - A. A Prehospital Care Coordinator representing the Base Hospital Advisory Committee
  - B. A Paramedic Coordinator representing the Provider Agency Advisory Committee
  - C. A member of the Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee
  - D. Other physician specialist as required for specific subject matter
- IV. The Medical Council shall meet quarterly as scheduled by the chairperson.
- V. Medical Council meetings shall be open and public as required by law.
- VI. Functions of the Medical Council shall include, but not be limited:

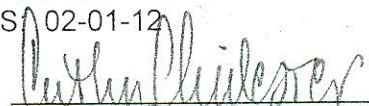
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- A. Providing specialized advice to the EMS Agency Medical Director to meet their statutory responsibilities to develop written medical policies and procedures and standards for patient care.
- B. Assisting in the evaluation of prehospital emergency medical care treatment procedures or drugs for use on a trial basis by prehospital care personnel.
- C. Providing liaison between the EMS Agency Medical Director, hospitals and Provider Agency Medical Directors.
- D. Providing specialized advice to the EMS Agency Medical Director in carrying out their statutory responsibilities to maintain medical control of the local emergency medical services system.
- E. Providing other specialized advice as appropriate.