DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MEDICAL COUNCIL** REFERENCE NO. 204

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 shall submit a written request for membership to the Medical Director of the EMS Agency 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.

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VI. Functions of the Medical Council shall include, but not be limited to:

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.