

SUBJECT: **PROCEDURES PRIOR TO BASE CONTACT**

PURPOSE: To provide written protocols allowing paramedics to initiate approved paramedic procedure(s) on specific patients prior to voice contact with the base hospital or during situations where base hospital communication cannot be established.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.52
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100145

POLICY: Emergency medical treatment initiated according to this policy shall be followed by base hospital contact. If base hospital contact cannot be established on scene or enroute and procedures in this policy have been initiated, paramedics shall contact the base hospital prior to leaving the receiving facility and provide a full report to include the nature of the communication failure.

Paramedics may utilize procedures within the local scope of practice that are not covered by Ref. No. 806.1, Procedures Prior to Base Contact Treatment Protocols **only if** base contact cannot be established and, in their judgment, a life-saving procedure is needed. The paramedic shall report the event immediately to the provider agency medical director and document the incident on an EMS Agency Situation Report Form, located on the Los Angeles EMS Agency website, http://file.lacounty.gov/dhs/cms1_207377.pdf A copy of the Situation Report and EMS Report Form shall be sent to the EMS Agency by mail or facsimile **within five days of the event**.

In the event of a hazardous material emergency and base hospital contact cannot be established on scene or enroute, paramedics may utilize Ref. No. 1134, Medical Control During Mass Casualty Events and Disasters.

**CROSS
REFERENCES:**

Prehospital Care Manual:

- Ref. No.519, **Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents**
- Ref. No. 702, **Controlled Drugs Carried on ALS Units**
- Ref. No. 703, **ALS Unit Inventory**
- Ref. No. 704, **Assessment Unit Inventory**
- Ref. No. 806.1, **Procedures Prior to Base Contact, Field Reference**

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