DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MOBILIZATION OF MEDICAL/SURGICAL SUPPLY (M/SS) CACHES**

REFERENCE NO. 1107

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the release of Medical/Surgical Supply (M/SS) cache to designated personnel during times of medical need.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The County of Los Angeles has thirteen (13) M/SS caches stored at various locations throughout the County.

2. The authority to deploy the M/SS caches or portions of its contents to the field, local hospitals, and/or dispensing sites rests with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency.

POLICY:

I. In the event of a major event, emergency or disaster which results in a need for additional medical supplies, EMS/hospital/healthcare facility personnel shall request for the deployment of the M/SS cache by contacting the EMS Agency via the Medical Alert Center (MAC) by ReddiNet, VMED 28 or telephone at (562) 347-1789.

II. Once approved for deployment, the EMS Agency will contact the M/SS cache storage facility to inform them of the need to release the cache and provide the following information:

   A. Identify they are from the EMS Agency and provide their name, employee number, and a phone number where they can be contacted;

   B. Provide the name of the person(s) who will be picking up the M/SS cache;

   C. Provide an estimated time of arrival.

III. Upon arrival at the storage facility, the authorized personnel picking up the M/SS cache will:

   A. Contact the designated facility personnel;

   B. Be provided access to the M/SS cache;

   C. Provide their name and employee number to the storage facility personnel;

   D. Sign the required form(s) acknowledging the receipt of the M/SS cache.

IV. The M/SS cache may be delivered directly to the field, to a hospital, or to a staging site.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:
Ref. No. 1107.1, **M/SS Cache Inventory and Checklist for Items Deployed**

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