PURPOSE: To establish accountability for the oversight of the Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Program according to the current EDAP Standards.

AUTHORITY: EDAP Standards

DEFINITION: Pediatric Liaison Nurse (PdLN): Nurse coordinator appointed by an EDAP hospital to coordinate the activities required by the EDAP Standards for pediatric emergency care.

POLICY:

I. Qualifications:
   A. Licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of California.
   B. At least two years of experience working in pediatrics, or in an Emergency Department (ED) that provides care for pediatric patients, within the previous five (5) years.
   C. Current American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider or instructor.
   D. Completion of a two-day pediatric emergency course within the last four (4) years.
   E. Completion of seven hours of pediatric continuing education (CE) approved by the Board of Registered Nursing every two years.

II. Responsibilities:
   A. Collaborates with the EDAP Medical Director, ED Nurse Manager/Director, and Designated Pediatric Consultant to ensure compliance with Reference No. 316, EDAP Standards, and policies and procedures established by the EMS Agency.
   B. Implement and monitor the EDAP quality improvement program to include data collection and reporting as per Reference 620, EMS Quality Improvement Program.
   C. Serves as a liaison and maintains effective lines of communication with:
      1. ED management, physicians, and personnel
      2. Hospital pediatric management, physicians, and personnel
3. Paramedic base hospital personnel

4. System PdLNs

5. Prehospital Care Coordinators as needed to follow up with pediatric treatment and/or transport concerns

6. Prehospital care providers as needed to follow up with pediatric treatment and/or transport concerns

7. Other EDAPs and Pediatric Medical Centers

8. EMS Agency

D. Serves as the contact person for the EMS Agency and be available upon request to respond to County business.

E. Develop a mechanism to track and monitor pediatric continuing education, including PALS, for the ED staff.

F. Participate in EMS activities and meetings, and attend a minimum of two (2) Pediatric Advisory Committee meetings per year.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 316,  Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards
Ref. No. 620,  EMS Quality Improvement Program
Ref. No. 621,  Notification of Personnel Change
Ref. No. 621.1, Notification of Personnel Change