

PURPOSE: To establish accountability for the oversight of the Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) for Pediatrics Program according to the current standards as agreed by the participating hospital.

AUTHORITY: Emergency Medical Services Agency: EDAP Standards

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

1. 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 ED that provides care for pediatric patients, within the previous five years.
- c. Current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider or instructor.
- d. Completion of a two-day pediatric emergency course with topics pre-approved by the EMS Agency that provides knowledge about the acutely ill and injured child, and a minimum of 14 hours of continuing education within the last four years.
- e. Completion of seven hours of pediatric continuing education (CE) approved by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) every two years.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Collaborates with the EDAP Medical Director, ED Nurse Manager/Director, and Designated Pediatric Consultant to ensure compliance with the EDAP Standards, EDAP Agreement, 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 (PCCs) as needed to follow up with pediatric treatment/transport concerns.
 - 6) Prehospital care providers as needed to follow up with pediatric treatment and/or transports concerns.

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Director, EMS Agency


Medical Director, EMS Agency

- 7) EMS Agency.
- d. Serves as the contact person for the EMS Agency and be available upon request to respond to County business.
- e. Monitor Pediatric Education:
 - 1) Develop a mechanism to track and monitor pediatric continuing education for the ED staff.
 - 2) Maintain continuing education documentation, to be readily available to the EMS Agency during the review process.
- f. Committee Participation:
 - 1) The EMS Agency Pediatric Advisory Committee meets quarterly on the second Tuesday (March, June, September, and December) to address pediatric care issues related to prehospital care. Committee members are appointed, to ensure the five EDAP regions are represented. For non-committee member PdLNs, attendance is highly encouraged.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 620, EMS Quality Improvement Program
Ref. No. 621, Notification of Personnel Change
Ref. No. 621.1, Notification of Personnel Change