DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MOBILIZATION OF LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL CACHES (LPCs)** REFERENCE NO. 1106

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the release of Local Pharmaceutical Cache (LPC) to designated personnel during times of medical need.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The County of Los Angeles has established six (6) County owned and maintained pharmaceutical caches and has funded private hospitals to maintain eleven (11) additional pharmaceutical caches that are stored at various locations throughout the County.

2. The authority to deploy LPCs 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 pharmaceuticals, or the need to begin mass prophylaxis due to exposure to a biological agent, EMS/hospital/healthcare facility personnel shall request for the deployment of the LPC by contacting the EMS Agency via the Medical Alert Center (MAC) by ReddiNet, VMED 28 or telephone at (562) 347-1789.

   If EMS personnel are unable to contact the MAC, contact the Fire Operational Area Coordinator (FOAC) – Los Angeles County Fire District (which is contacted through its Dispatch Center).

   See Ref. No. 1108, CHEMPACK Deployment for Nerve Agent Release.

II. Once approved for deployment, the EMS Agency will contact the LPC 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 LPC;

   C. Provide an estimated time of arrival.

III. Upon arrival at the storage facility, the authorized personnel picking up the LPC will:

   A. Contact the designated facility personnel;

   B. Be provided access to the LPC;

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

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D. Sign the required form(s) acknowledging the receipt of the LPC.

IV. The LPC may be delivered directly to the field, to a hospital, or to a staging site.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:
Ref. No. 1106.1, **LPC Inventory and Checklist for Items Deployed**
Ref. No. 1106.2, **LPC Photograph**
Ref. No. 1108, **CHEMPACK Deployment for Nerve Agent Release**