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 and funded Disaster Resource Centers to maintain twelve (12) Adult LPC's (1106.1) and one (1) Pediatric LPC (1106.2) that are stored at various locations throughout the County.

2. The County of Los Angeles has established and funded one (1) Emergency Medical Services LPC and one (1) Radiological LPC that is stored at the Disaster Staging Facility (DSF).

~~2~~3. The authority to deploy LPCs or portions of their contents to the field, local hospitals, and/or dispensing sites rests with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency.

POLICY:

I. In a major incident 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), ReddiNet, VMED28 Radio:155.34mhz, or telephone at (866) 940-4401.

   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 following will occur:

   A. EMS Agency shall:

      1. Contact the LPC storage facility to inform them of the need to release the cache

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

      3. Provide the name of the person(s) who will be picking up the LPC; and

      4. Provide an estimated time of arrival.

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B. DRC/DSF shall:

1. Arrange for time of pick-up; and

2. Provide instructions on pick-up location; and

3. Provide DRC POC name and phone number

C. Recipient shall:

1. Contact the designated facility personnel;

2. Be provided access to the LPC;

3. Provide facility or government issued photo identification with their name to the storage facility personnel; and

4. Sign the required form(s), Ref. No. 1106.1 or 1106.2 or 1106.4, LPC Inventory and Checklist for Items Deployed, acknowledging the receipt of the LPC.

III. 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, **Adult LPC Inventory and Checklist for Items Deployed**
Ref. No. 1106.2, **Pediatric LPC Inventory and Checklist for Items Deployed**
Ref. No. 1106.3, **LPC Photograph**
Ref. No. 1106.4, EMS LPC Inventory and Checklist for Items Deployed
Ref. No. 1108, **CHEMPACK Deployment for Nerve Agent Release**