

PURPOSE: To describe the composition and function of a Medical Council that will advise the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency's Medical Director.

POLICY:

I. There shall be a Medical Council that provides specialized advice to the Medical Director of the EMS Agency (Chair).

II. Medical Council membership shall include physician representative of the following:

- A. Paramedic Base Hospitals
- B. 9-1-1 receiving hospitals (non- base/non-trauma center)
- C. Health maintenance organizations
- D. Trauma Centers
- E. Public paramedic provider agencies
- F. Private ambulance companies
- G. Los Angeles County Medical Association

Note: Physicians interested in serving on the Medical Council who are affiliated with one or more of the entities noted above shall submit a written request for membership to the EMS Agency's Medical Director for consideration.

III. Ex Officio Medical Council membership shall include:

- A. A Prehospital Care Coordinator representing the EMS Commission's Base Hospital Advisory Committee
- B. A Paramedic Coordinator representing the EMS Commission's Provider Agency Advisory Committee
- C. A member of the Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee

IV. Other Physician specialist(s) may be included as required for specific subject matter

V. The Medical Council shall meet quarterly as scheduled by the chairperson.

VI. Medical Council meetings shall be open and public as required by law.

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APPROVED:


Director, EMS Agency


Medical Director, EMS Agency

VII. Functions of the Medical Council shall include, but not limited, to:

- A. Providing specialized advice to the EMS Agency Medical Director to meet their statutory responsibilities to develop written medical policies and procedures and standards of patient care and to maintain medical oversight of the local EMS system.
- B. Assisting in the evaluation of prehospital emergency medical care treatment procedures or drugs for use on a trial basis by prehospital care personnel.
- C. Providing liaison between the EMS Agency Medical Director, hospitals and Provider Agency Medical Directors.