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SERVICES PROGRAM

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Subject: **GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS**

I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the implementation of special EMS projects in Santa Cruz County. Examples of special projects include: injury prevention efforts, trial studies of medications or procedures, alternate patient destinations, changes in scope of practice.

A. Special projects shall be presented to the EMS Medical Director and considered for the Santa Cruz County EMS system under the following circumstances:

1. Projects anticipate an increase in the quality of patient care, and/or create system efficiencies, and/or reduction in costs.
2. Projects clearly fall within current regulatory guidelines.
3. Projects include an evaluation component to help determine the value of continuing the project.
4. Projects clearly demonstrate no risk to the public's safety.

B. Periodic reviews of the efficacy of special projects may result in continuing, expanding or cessation of the project, as determined by the EMS Medical Director.