



Policy 104: Trauma Service Area

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I. Purpose

- A. To establish service areas for trauma patients in Santa Cruz County.
- B. Authority for this policy is noted in Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1798.162, 1798.163 California Code of Regulations Section 100255

II. Definitions

- A. "Service area" means that geographic area defined by the local EMS agency in its trauma care system plan as the area served by a designated trauma center.
- B. "Trauma Center" or "designated trauma center" means a licensed hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which has been designated as a Level I, II, III, or IV trauma center and/or Level I or II pediatric trauma center by the local EMS agency, in accordance with California Trauma Care System Regulations.

III. Policy

- A. The entire County of Santa Cruz will be considered the service area.
- B. There are currently no trauma centers designated in the County of Santa Cruz.
- C. To provide optimal care for major trauma victims, patients meeting triage criteria, patients will be routed as specified. See Policy 625 Trauma Patient Transport and Hospital Destination and Policy 626 Trauma Triage.