

Policy 104

Trauma Service Area

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I. Purpose

- A. To establish service areas for trauma patients in San Benito 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 San Benito will be considered the service area.
- B. There are currently no trauma centers designated in the County of San Benito.
- 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*.



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