

I. Purpose:

- A. To define the process for an acute care facility to be designated by San Benito County EMS as a STEMI Receiving Center (SRC).

II. Definitions

- A. STEMI—ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
- B. STEMI Receiving Center (SRC)—a hospital specially equipped and designated by San Benito County EMS Agency to care for patients with STEMI.

III. Policy

- A. The San Benito County EMS Agency will designate STEMI Receiving Centers in San Benito County based upon the standardized processes recommended by the American College of Cardiology. Only hospitals designated by the San Benito County EMS Agency as 9-1-1 Receiving Centers are eligible for SRC designation.
- B. All designated SRCs in San Benito County will participate in the San Benito County STEMI System Quality Improvement process.

IV. Designation

- A. Any acute care hospital desiring to be designated as a STEMI Receiving Center should apply for such designation by submitting a formal letter on hospital letterhead to the San Benito County EMS Agency. The letter shall include:
 - 1. A description of the proposed service
 - 2. A statement of commitment senior hospital administration and physician staff signed by the Hospital Chief Executive and the Medical Staff Chief supporting SRC designation.
 - 3. An outline of call panel coverage for the STEMI patient
 - 4. The individuals to be named as the SRC Medical Director and the SRC Program Manager.
 - 5. The proposed start date for the new service.
 - 6. An on-site review may be conducted by the SCC EMS Medical Director and other EMS Agency Staff.
 - 7. The cost of the designation shall be borne by the requesting facility.
 - 8. The hospital must enter into a contract designating the hospital as a STEMI receiving center.

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