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**INTEGRATION OF PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS**

- I. **AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5,  
California Code of Regulations§100255, 100259, 100263, 100264, 100266
- II. **PURPOSE:** To promote appropriate care of pediatric trauma patients
- III. **DEFINITIONS:**
- A. "Pediatric" or "pediatric patient" means an individual, age 14 and under who meets trauma triage criteria.
- 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.
- IV. **POLICY**
- Each trauma center, as a condition of designation, shall have:
- A. Written transfer agreement with a pediatric intensive care unit and a pediatric trauma center (see policy 580.31)
- B. Criteria, approved by the medical staff, identifying pediatric patients for whom a consultation with a pediatric trauma center or pediatric critical care center should be sought.