

TITLE: **PATIENT DESTINATIONS IN THE OAKHURST AREA**

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FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY

I. AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.220, 1798.101

II. PURPOSE

To allow transport of ambulance patient to the Community Medical Center Oakhurst (CMCO) when appropriate.

III. POLICY

A. Upon Base Hospital approval, transport of prehospital patients to CMCO may include, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

Stat Medical/Trauma

1. Cardiac Arrest;
2. Respiratory Arrest (unresponsive to prehospital therapy);
3. Unstable airway.

Non-Stat Trauma - Patients who are stable and will not require hospital admission.

4. Small or minor soft tissue lacerations (e.g. less than 8 cm in length);
5. Isolated trauma to an extremity and closed fractures not involving the femur, hip or pelvis.

Non-Stat Medical - Patients who are stable and will likely not require hospital admission.

6. Known diabetic who is responding to prehospital therapy
7. Known asthmatic who is responding to prehospital therapy
8. Known allergic reaction who is responding to prehospital therapy
9. Known seizure disorder who is responding to prehospital therapy

10. Patients whose treatment has been arranged by the patient's private physician and the patient is stable.

C. If the transport ETA to a hospital emergency department is less than the transport time to CMCO, the patient should be transported to the hospital emergency department.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. If it is believed by prehospital personnel that the patient is a candidate to receive services from the CMCO, they must contact the base hospital for direction.
- B. Patient destination decisions will be made by the base hospital physician.
- C. A Situation Report shall be completed by prehospital personnel for each transport to the CMCO and submitted to the base hospital with the PCR.
- D. Base Hospital personnel shall review and evaluate each incidence of patient transport to the CMCO and submit its evaluation to the EMS Agency. These reviews should be received by the EMS Agency within fourteen (14) days post-incident.