STANISLAUS COUNTY EMS AGENCY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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TITLE: Integration of Pediatric

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## INTEGRATION OF PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS

I. <u>AUTHORITY:</u> Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5,

California Code of Regulations §100255, 100259, 100263, 100264, 100266

II. <u>PURPOSE:</u> To promote appropriate care of pediatric trauma patients

## III. <u>DEFINITIONS:</u>

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.