


<b>Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy</b>			
<b>S-SV EMS Policy/Protocol Actions</b>			
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**PURPOSE:**

To provide a mechanism for creation, review, revision, or removal of S-SV EMS policies and/or treatment protocols (collectively referred to in this policy as ‘policy/protocol action’).

**AUTHORITY:**

- A. HSC, Division 2.5, § 1797.107, 1797.171, 1797.172, 1797.176, 1797.202, 1797.220, and 1798.
- B. CCR, Title 22.

**POLICY:**

- A. Prehospital provider organizations shall not institute patient care policies/protocols that conflict with those established by the S-SV EMS Agency. This does not apply to treatment protocols developed by air ambulance or ground critical care transport providers for RN personnel.
- B. New policies/protocols are developed as necessary based on EMS system needs.
- C. Consideration of proposed policy/protocol actions will be given to suggestions/requests from EMS system participants.
- D. Existing S-SV EMS policies/protocols are routinely reviewed a minimum of every three (3) years but may be reviewed on a more frequent basis, as necessary.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. Policy/protocol action input may be solicited from individuals, organizations, and/or advisory committees. S-SV EMS may also establish an ad hoc committee to recommend policy actions as necessary.
- B. Approval of policy/protocol actions will occur as follows:
  - 1. Proposed policy/protocol actions are listed on the S-SV EMS Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) meeting agenda for consideration.

2. The REMAC meeting agenda and all proposed policy actions will be distributed to EMS system participants and posted on the S-SV EMS website a minimum of 30 days prior to the applicable REMAC meeting in which they will be considered.
3. Public comments on proposed policy/protocol actions listed on the applicable REMAC meeting agenda will be taken during the review/discussion of that item. Individuals unable to attend the meeting may provide written public comment on any item listed on the applicable REMAC meeting agenda, no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date, by using a written public comment electronic form link included on the agenda.
4. Policy/protocol actions listed on the applicable REMAC meeting agenda may be approved by a majority vote of the REMAC members present at the meeting. If necessary, proposed policy actions may be continued to subsequent REMAC meetings until a consensus is reached by the committee.
5. All REMAC approved policy/protocol actions shall also be approved by the S-SV EMS Medical Director and Regional Executive Director prior to implementation.
6. S-SV EMS may make non-substantive corrections to approved policy/protocol actions to address any technical defect, error, irregularity, or omission prior to final publication.

C. Implementation of policy actions will occur as follows:

1. New policies/protocols will be assigned an S-SV EMS policy/protocol number.
2. An effective date and next review date will be assigned to all policies/protocols.
3. The S-SV EMS Medical Director and Regional Executive Director will approve and sign the policy/protocol.
4. EMS system participants will be notified of the applicable policy/protocol action and implementation date. Policy/protocol updates are routinely released on a bi-annual basis for either an April 1st or October 1<sup>st</sup> implementation but may be released more frequently as necessary.

D. Some policy/protocol actions may require immediate action to maintain compliance with statutes/regulations, or to preserve medical control/integrity of the EMS system. Policy/protocol actions of this type may be implemented by S-SV EMS as urgency measures and scheduled for discussion at the next regularly scheduled REMAC meeting, if necessary.