

POLICY #600: BLS AND ALS TREATMENT PROTOCOLS

I. PURPOSE

- A. To provide uniform standards for on-duty EMS personnel to render prehospital medical care when responding to a medical incident or on an inter-facility transfer.

II. DEFINITIONS

- EMS Personnel – for the purpose of this policy means on-duty EMTs or paramedics.

III. POLICY

- A. All on-duty EMS personnel will follow the treatment protocols
- B. EMS personnel will utilize principles and skills as indicated in these protocols.
- C. EMS personnel shall use the protocol that is most closely associated with the patient's condition. Some situations may indicate the use of more than one protocol and EMS personnel shall use their best judgment
- D. Only on-duty paramedics, under the direction of an on-duty base station physician, may make deviations from these protocols
- E. After paramedic assessment, a paramedic may elect to have an EMT attend a stable BLS patient.

IV. AUTHORITY

- California Health and Safety code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100144