

**POLICY #: 205 ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

I. PURPOSE

- A. To establish the minimum requirement of equipment and supplies to be available on ALS ambulances, BLS and ALS First Responder units including ALS Wildland Engines, and for ALS Special Use Medic in the County of San Luis Obispo.

II. POLICY

- A. Ambulances, ALS and BLS First Responder Units, ALS Wildland Engines, and ALS Special Use Medic personnel authorized to operate in the County of San Luis Obispo must, at a minimum, have the equipment and supplies available in the unit/at the event as referenced in Attachment A of this document.
- B. Any waivers to this policy must be documented and approved by completing and submitting Attachment B – Drug Shortage Mitigation and Response Strategies and then Attachment C – Waiver Request. Types of waivers included are:
  - 1. One-time, 30 day waiver exempting the provider agency from minimum stocking requirements listed in Attachment A – EMS Equipment and Supply List.
  - 2. 90 day window for a preapproved, one-time, 30 day waiver exempting provider agency from minimum stocking requirements listed in Attachment A – EMS Equipment and Supply List, when on-hand stock of medication falls below required minimum stocking levels.
  - 3. Request for substitution of medication with an alternative.


III. AUTHORITY

- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, 1797.206 and 1797.220

IV. ATTACHMENTS

- A. EMS Equipment and Supply List
- B. Drug Shortage Mitigation and Response Strategies
- C. Waiver Request

Approvals:

EMS Agency, Administrator	
EMS Agency, Medical Director	