

# EMS POLICY AND PROTOCOL FORMAT UPDATES



# CURRENT POLICY FORMAT

- EMS policies have had the same format for 30+ years
- Some policies cover more than one category
- The lettering system may be obsolete

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
Master List**

**Policy Designators:**



A	Air Medical
B	EMT-1
D	EMT-D
N	Non-Emergency Medical Transport
P	EMT-Paramedic
S	System - applies to all components of EMS system
T	Trauma Care System
L	Automatic External Defibrillator

# CURRENT PLAN

- Multi-year process
  - Update/rebrand header
  - Remove letter categorizations
  - Identify policies in need of County organizational updates
    - Example: references to HHSA → PSG
  - Identify policies for re-categorization
    - Example: Moving hospital-related policies from the 000s to the 700s
    - Example: Renaming the 700s from *Base Hospital/Trauma Center* to *Hospital and Specialty Care*

000 - Systems	+
100 - Treatment Protocols	+
200 - Air Medical	+
300 - Education	+
400 - Medical Control	+
600 - Data Collection	+
700 - Base Hospital/Trauma Center	+
800 - Service Provider Agency	+

# PLAN FOR THIS YEAR 22/23 POLICY YEAR

	<p>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</p>	
<p>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICY / PROCEDURE / PROTOCOL</p>		<p>Number S-133 Page 1 of 3</p>
<p>SUBJECT: TREATMENT PROTOCOL OBSTETRICAL EMERGENCIES/NEWBORN DELIVERIES</p>		<p>Date 10/18/2021</p>

- Update policy header block
- Update policy language
  - via EMCC as usual practice



<b>TREATMENT PROTOCOL</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Burns – Pediatric</b>	
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# PLAN FOR THE PLAN 23/24 POLICY YEAR



- Identify and finalize policies for re-categorization
- Add EMD/dispatch policies
- Routine policy updates as needed
- Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination policies and procedures
- Consider removing the letter prefix
  - S-127 → 127
  - T-460 → 460

# UPCOMING EMS POLICY AND PROTOCOL FORMAT UPDATES

Questions and  
comments

