

 <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	SYSTEMS	<b>S-021</b>
	<b>DE-DESIGNATION OF AN ST ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION CRITICAL CARE SYSTEM CENTER</b>	
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**I. PURPOSE**

To establish a policy and procedure for de-designation of an acute care hospital as an ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center

**II. AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.67, 1798, and 1798.170. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7.1, STEMI Critical Care System Regulations

**III. POLICY**

**A. Termination for Cause**

County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) may immediately terminate its STEMI Receiving Center Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) under the following circumstances:

1. If a receiving center’s license to operate as a general acute care hospital is revoked or suspended;
2. If a receiving center fails to comply with current State STEMI Critical Care System Regulations;
3. If the hospital no longer operates as a receiving center with a Basic or Comprehensive Emergency Department;
4. If a STEMI Receiving Center is in gross default of material obligation under its MOA which default could adversely affect patient care provided by contractor;
5. For any other material breach of its MOA, CoSD EMS may terminate a receiving center’s MOA for cause, per the language of the agreement. Such cause shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Failure to comply with material terms and conditions of the STEMI Receiving Center MOA after notice of the failure has been given;
  - b. Failure to make available sufficient, qualified personnel, and hospital resources to provide immediate care for acute myocardial infarction patients as required by the MOA;

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- c. Failure to provide timely cardiac interventionalist coverage for acute myocardial infarction patients as required by the MOA;
- d. Failure to provide physicians, surgeons, and other medical, nursing, and ancillary staff who possess that degree of skill and learning ordinarily possessed by reputable medical personnel in like or similar localities and under similar circumstances for the provision of medical services for acute myocardial infarction patients requiring percutaneous coronary interventions;
- e. Gross misrepresentation or fraud;
- f. Substantial failure to cooperate with CoSD EMS monitoring of STEMI Receiving Center services;
- g. Substantial failure or refusal to cooperate with quality assurance and audit findings and recommendations within a reasonable time.

**B. Termination for Convenience**

Either CoSD EMS or STEMI Receiving Center may terminate the STEMI Receiving Center MOA, as a termination for convenience, per the language of the agreement.

- C.** Upon the de-designation of a receiving center, CoSD EMS shall be responsible for system redesign decisions.