NORTH COAST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Administration - Provider

Application for Emergency Medical Dispatch Center Provider

Designation

Associated Policies: 2201.1

I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)

- A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
- B. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures
- C. California EMS Authority's EMS Systems Standards and Guidelines
- D. California EMS Authority Emergency Medical Services Dispatch Program Guidelines

II. Purpose

To establish a standardized procedure for dispatch agencies to apply for designation as an Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Provider.

- III. Procedure for agency application for designation.
 - A. Agency applying for EMD Provider designation shall provide North Coast EMS with the following documentation:
 - 1. Letter of interest indicating commitment to implement and maintain the North Coast EMS EMD Program 24 hours per day 365 days per year.
 - 2. Agency EMD policies and procedures.
 - 3. Agency Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Plan and related policies required in Policy 2201.1.
 - 4. Copies of certification records of employees who are currently EMD users. Only Priority Dispatch certified dispatchers affiliated with a North Coast EMS designated EMD Provider are authorized to use the Priority Dispatch System.
 - 5. Two (2) copies of the signed contract.
 - B. North Coast EMS shall review documentation submitted per III(A) above and upon approval and when implemented, issue a letter of designation.
 - 1. Designation shall be valid for four (4) years from the date of the letter.
 - 2. To re-apply for designation the agency should provide North Coast EMS with the documentation described in III(A) above and a report outlining findings of their CQI program.
 - 3. Re-applications must be provided no less than ninety (90) days prior to designation expiration.
- IV. North Coast EMS reserves the right to request verification of continuous compliance with EMD standards and may conduct a site survey with or without notice.

VI. North Coast EMS reserves the right to probate, suspend or withdraw EMD Provider designation for verified non-compliance with EMD standards.

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