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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

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Subject: **TRAUMA SERVICE AREA**

Authority for this policy is noted in Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1798.162, 1798.163 California Code of Regulations Section 100255

I. Purpose

To establish service areas for trauma patients in Santa Cruz County.

II. Definition

- A. "Service area" means that geographic area defined by the local EMS agency in its trauma care system plan as the area served by a designated trauma center.
- B. "Trauma Center" or "designated trauma center" means a licensed hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which has been designated as a Level I, II, III, or IV trauma center and/or Level I or II pediatric trauma center by the local EMS agency, in accordance with California Trauma Care System Regulations.

III. Policy

- A. The entire County of Santa Cruz will be considered the service area.
- B. No trauma centers will be designated in the County of Santa Cruz at this time.
- C. To provide optimal care for major trauma victims, patients meeting triage criteria, patients will be routed as specified in Policy # 7050 and MAP Triage Protocol.