EMS POLICY, CLINICAL PROTOCOL, AND PROCEDURE UPDATES

I. PURPOSE
This policy provides an overview of the update and release schedule for EMS policies, clinical protocols, and procedures.

II. AUTHORITY
Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.204

III. DEFINITION
Emergency Medical Services Agency (“LEMSA”) [or “Agency”]: The San Mateo County EMS Agency is designated as the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) and is statutorily charged with primary responsibility for administration and medical control of emergency medical services in San Mateo County.

IV. POLICY
The LEMSA develops EMS system policies, clinical protocols, and procedures with input and in conjunction with various advisory committees. Policies, clinical protocols, and procedures are reviewed annually. Open comments are accepted year-round and are reviewed regularly.

A. Updates and new additions generally follow the schedule listed below:

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B. Updates and new additions generally follow the process outlined below:
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Effective: April 2023
Approval: EMS Director Travis Kusman, MPH
Approval: EMS Medical Director Greg Gilbert, MD

Solicit stakeholder feedback
Submit feedback via web-based form

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Detailed Analysis:
Monetary impact (ESC approval), evidence based, other policy impact(s), demonstration of field information to support need for change

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Monetary impact (ESC approval), various committee review (e.g., QLC, Triple P, MAC), evidence based, other policy impact(s), demonstration of field information to support need for change

Draft policy (-ies) developed

Draft protocol(s) developed

Policy (-ies) adopted

Protocols (-ies) adopted

EMS policies and protocols finalized

Training materials sent to provider agencies

Policies and protocols implemented