





**SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES**

EMS POLICY	604
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Approval: EMS Director Travis Kusman, MPH	Signed: 
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DESIGNATED TRAUMA RECEIVING CENTERS

I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes designated receiving trauma centers for patients originating within San Mateo County who meet trauma triage criteria.

II. AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, §1797.220, 1798, 1798.150; California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, §100136.01-100136.03, 100136.05, 100137.01-100137.04

III. DEFINITIONS

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.

Trauma Center: A hospital designated by the San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services Agency as a facility to receive and render appropriate, complex, multi-disciplinary care to trauma patients.

IV. STANDARDS AND DESIGNATION

- A. Hospitals that have been designated as trauma receiving centers for trauma patients originating within San Mateo County are:
1. Stanford Hospital – All patients \leq 6 years or any area south of and including Devil’s Slide; City of Millbrae south of Trousdale Drive between I-280 and El Camino Real; and south of Millbrae Avenue between El Camino Real and the San Francisco Bay;
 2. Eden Medical Center – Eastbound on the San Mateo or Dumbarton bridges; and
 3. Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital – All patients $>$ 6 years and any area north of and including Devil’s Slide; City of Millbrae north of Trousdale Drive between I-280 and El Camino Real; and north of Millbrae Avenue between El Camino Real and the San Francisco Bay. Includes San Francisco International Airport.
- B. Hospitals that have not been designated as receiving trauma centers may receive trauma patients only under the following circumstances:

1. The trauma patient has a compromised airway not manageable with basic or advanced life support measures and/ or equipment; or

Hospitals that have not been designated as trauma receiving centers that receive a trauma patients shall notify the Agency within 48 hours using the [EMS Event Report Form](#) on the Agency's website.