San Francisco EMS Agency
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
Update Summary-Public Comment November 2026

DESCRIPTION OF UPDATES	
POLICIES	
1000-Policy & Protocol Public Comment Process	• Updated policy name to "Policy & Protocol Feedback and Implementation Process" • Added definitions • Outlined process from policy submission to implementation • Clarified the EMS Agency's responsibility on timing to release documents for training • Included the currently "live" feedback form in process ○ *Please note, that public comments on the feedback form itself will only be accepted by using the EMSAC public comment form*
1010-Advisory Committees	• Clarified public accessibility to advisory committees • Changed EMSAC officer terms from 1 year to 2 years • Removed requirements for subcommittee chairs and quorums • Updated field EMT and paramedic qualifications for EMSAC representation • Created Appendix D for Alternate Destination sites • Included non-911 EMS participation in subcommittees • Update hospital names • Updated EMSC member
2000-Prehospital Personnel Standards & Scope of Practice	• Included Ondansetron (ODT) to EMT scope of practice
2051-Preceptors for Paramedic Student	• Updated from "Preceptor" to "Paramedic Field Internship" policy • Clarified preceptor and provider agency minimum requirements • Updated training program responsibilities • Added paramedic intern responsibilities • Added approval process
4000-Prehospital Provider Standards	• Full revision of policy • Revised layout and readability for response intervals standards (response intervals have not changed) • Added appendices for new EMS provider agencies
4000.1-Ambulance Turnaround Time Standard	• Revisions aligned with AB 40 and new state regulations • Incorporated a previous EMS system APOT memo into the policy • Addressed appeal process, common errors, and transfer of care signature process
4001a-Minimum Equipment List	• Added Ondansetron (ODT) to BLS units (suppression and EMS) • Removed small laryngoscope blade
5012-Pediatric Critical Care Standards	• Renamed policy to "EMS For Children System Care Standards" • Updated to reflect Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6, Subchapter 4, Articles 1-6 • Updated definitions

	• Updated the EMS Agency's responsibility of local EMSC care standards oversite • Updated data reporting requirements from PedRC's • Updated that the EMS Agency is responsible for data reporting to the California EMS Authority • Clarified EMS Agency responsibility to conduct PedRC Site evaluation visits • Clarified PedRC classifications and capabilities
5013-Trauma Center Designation	• Renamed policy to "Trauma System Care Standards" • Updated to reflect Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6, Subchapter 1, Articles 1-5 • Updated definitions • Updated the EMS Agency's responsibility of local trauma care standards oversite • Updated data reporting requirements from trauma centers • Clarified ACS's Trauma Survey Process • Clarified the EMS Agency's responsibility to designating Trauma Receiving and Pediatric Trauma Receiving Centers
5015-Stroke Center Standards	• Renamed policy to "Stroke Critical Care System Standards" • Updated to reflect Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6, Subchapter 3, Article 1-5 • Updated definitions • Updated the EMS Agency's responsibility of local stroke critical care standards oversite • Updated data reporting requirements from Stroke Centers, including use of AHA "Get With The Guidelines-Stroke (GWTG-Stroke) • Updated that the EMS Agency is responsible for data reporting to the California EMS Authority • Clarified EMS Agency responsibility to conduct Stroke Center site evaluation visits • Included ICD-10 and state reporting elements as appendices
5016-STEMI ROSC (STAR) Center Standards	• Renamed policy to "STEMI and ROSC ("STAR") Critical Care System Standards" • Updated to reflect Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 6, Subchapter 2, Article 1-5 • Updated definitions • Updated the EMS Agency's responsibility of local STEMI critical care standards oversite • Updated data reporting requirements from STAR Centers, including use of AHA "Get With The Guidelines-Coronary Artery Disease" (GWTG-CAD) • Updated that the EMS Agency is responsible for data reporting to the California EMS Authority • Clarified EMS Agency responsibility to conduct STAR Center Site evaluation visits • Clarified STAR Center Cardiac Certification by Joint Commission or other nationally recognized body within 5 years of effective date of policy

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5030-Interfacility Transfer	• Updated guidance referencing pediatric receiving centers
6000 Quality Improvement Program	• Updated language on Base Hopsital requirements • Updated language on QI Plans and Annual Updates to mirror guidance in the State regulations.
6050-Documentation of Prehospital Care	• Added use of AI • Updated STEMI and Stroke prehospital care documentation based on Chapter 6 regulations • Updated to include CPSS score in prehospital documentation • Updated requirements for prehospital documentation of Brief Alcohol Withdrawal Scale (BAWS) with score
7010-EMS At Special Events	• Standardized terminology and definitions to improve consistency • Clarified medical planning scope • Updated procedures for EMS response inside and outside event footprints • Updated heat plan elements • Added real-time patient-tracking requirements for certain events • Outlined medical plan compliance and site-visit expectations
MEDICATIONS	
Epinephrine	• Updated anaphylaxis dose from 0.3 mg to 0.5 mg for >40kg patients
ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE	
Policy 5000-Destination Policy	• Removed § 4.4.1 Pediatric Medical as specialty care designation
Midazolam	• Readded IM routes for premedication sedation in both adults and pediatrics