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	<u>PROGRAM DOCUMENT:</u> Interfacility Transfers: Medical Control	Draft Date:	12/15/93
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 EMS Medical Director

 EMS Administrator

Purpose:

- A. To describe the medical control options that are available for interfacility transfer programs that utilize Paramedics.
- B. To assure that Paramedics are always functioning under medical control, either direct or indirect.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

Policy:

- A. Any provider agency wishing to utilize Paramedics in interfacility transfers shall establish dedicated medical control from one of the following four (4) options:
 - 1. Enter into an agreement or contract with an existing base hospital, functioning in the 9-1-1 aspect of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system
 - 2. ~~Enter into an agreement or contract with an alternate base station~~
 - 3. Enter into an agreement or contract with a physician(s) either internal or external to provider agency. This physician(s) shall have significant knowledge and experience with the Paramedic Scope of Practice
 - 4. Enter into an agreement with Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) scope of practice for Paramedics is on standing orders only during interfacility transfers
- B. Provider agencies exercising options 1, ~~2~~, or ~~3~~ 2 shall implement alternate direct medical control arrangements in the setting of communication failure. Option 4 is entirely indirect medical control.