Coastal Valleys EMS Agency

Serving Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties



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To: Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County EMS Providers

Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County Hospitals Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County Fire Agencies

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Subject: Point of Entry Policy Clarification

Coastal Valleys EMS Agency has reviewed the Patient Destination / Point of Entry Policy regarding the transport of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Members to Kaiser Receiving Hospitals.

The Agency has determined it is reasonable for CVEMSA based EMS transport providers to transport Kaiser patients to Out-of-County Kaiser Receiving Hospitals, upon request, unless the patients condition is such that another facility is more appropriate (i.e. trauma center, STEMI receiving etc.). For example, Napa County providers should transport to Kaiser Vallejo, and southern Sonoma County providers should transport to Kaiser Terra Linda upon request when patient condition warrants by-pass of a closer receiving facility.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification please contact CVEMSA.

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