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## **Current Destination Policy**

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To All SLO County EMS Providers and Hospital Emergency Departments:

As we are sure you are aware, the County of San Luis Obispo is currently developing plans for enhanced specialty care systems – both Trauma and STEMI – for the benefit of our community as a whole.

Following careful assessment and evaluation, the County anticipates designing criteria for designation of Trauma Centers and STEMI Receiving Centers that will facilitate safe and efficient transportation of select patients directly to hospitals that earn one or both of these specialty care center designations

### **ADVISORY**

Until County specialty care plans are approved and any designation process is complete, it is important that prehospital and hospital personnel follow existing destination policies that have been in place and effective for many years. These policies can be found on the SLO County EMS Agency website (links below).

Many important elements, including training, equipment requirements and revisions to existing destination policies, if needed, must be in place prior to the new systems being operational and specialty care centers being designated.

Thank you for your patience and your ongoing adherence to current policy during this exciting time for our county.

### **LINKS TO REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

SLO County EMS Policy 201: Ground Ambulance Destination: <http://www.sloemsa.org/policy/pdf/201-2008.pdf>

SLO County EMS Policy 202: Hospital Diversion: <http://www.sloemsa.org/policy/pdf/202-2007.pdf>

SLO County EMS Policy 119: EMS Aircraft (Helicopter) Operations: <http://www.sloemsa.org/policy/pdf/119-4-9-08.pdf>

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