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PLEASE POST

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 EMS Agency has designed criteria for designation of Trauma Centers and STEMI Receiving Centers that will facilitate safe and efficient transportation of select patients directly to hospitals who earn one or both of these specialty care center designations.

Until the county's 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 EMSA website, www.sloemsa.org, specifically **Policy 201.1: Ground Ambulance Destination**; **Policy 202: Hospital Diversion**; and **Policy 119: EMS Aircraft (Helicopter) Operations**.

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 fully accredited.

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