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## Policy Updates

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To All SLO County EMS Providers and Hospital Emergency Departments:

The following policy has been revised by the San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency and will become effective **July 1, 2010**.

Highlights of policy changes are noted. Please refer to the full text of each policy now posted on the EMSA website: [www.sloemsa.org](http://www.sloemsa.org).

It is the responsibility of EMS Providers to ensure that all appropriate personnel receive this information. If you have questions please contact the EMS Agency at 805-546-8728.

Thank you.

### **Policy #202 HOSPITAL DIVERSION**

The policy clarifies the definition of a complete versus partial hospital diversion and includes the procedure and reporting requirements for a hospital to go on diversion. The reporting form to be utilized and forwarded to the EMS Agency is also included.

### **DEFINITIONS**

Complete diversion: When there is a declared hospital in-house disaster such as fire, hazardous materials spill, flooding or loss of electrical power which compromises patient care/safety, or when unstable patients that cannot be immediately transferred to in-patient beds occupy all suitable emergency department (ED) beds after exhausting all in-house resources and after consultation with the hospital's on-call administration and the lead physician in the ED.

Partial diversion: When a hospital has a loss of a key facility or equipment resource required for care of emergent patients.