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**DATE:** 12-19-07

**TO:** All SLO County Hospital Emergency Depts. and EMS Providers

**FROM:** San Luis Obispo County  
Emergency Medical Services Agency

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Waiver of Base Station Policy

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This is a reminder that the SLO County EMSA has temporarily waived certain parts of Base Station policy in response to the shortage of trained Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) in local hospitals. The EMSA is working with the local EMS community, meeting with hospital administrators and emergency room personnel as well as representatives from transporting agencies, to address this issue and to develop an effective and practical MICN program.

In order to ensure the highest level of patient care, the following guidelines are in effect **until further notice**:

- When no MICN is on hospital premises, or when the ED physician is not available due to patient care, a Registered Nurse (RN) may answer radio communications for transport notification calls only. The RN may only acknowledge that the patient is in route.
- When no MICN is on hospital premises, Base Stations will:
  - notify Med-Com of anticipated start and end times of non-coverage;
  - notify all emergency departments;
  - place a notice on ReddiNet (every two hours due to automatic deletion) until an MICN is present.
- Paramedics are to continue to communicate with the Base Station of destination. **Under no circumstances are orders or consultations** to be given by anyone other than an MICN or ED physician.

We appreciate the EMS community's understanding of the need to revisit this temporary solution while the agency works toward a viable long-term resolution.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact EMSA staff at 805-546-8728 or [info@sloemsa.org](mailto:info@sloemsa.org).