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**I. INTENT:**

To clarify the role of prehospital personnel transporting a patient to a receiving facility department(s) other than the emergency department (ED).


**II. AUTHORITY:**

- A. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Ch. 4, Art. 1, §1797.220; Ch. 5, §1798(a,b) and §1798.2.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Ch. 2, Art. 2, §100063; Ch. 4, Art. 2, §100144, §100145 and §100147.

**III. POLICY:**

Prehospital personnel are responsible for providing professional patient care. At times, appropriate patient care may include delivery of the patient to locations within the hospital other than the ED, i.e. labor and delivery, critical care unit, medical-surgical unit, etc. If a patient is identified as being a direct admit or to be delivered anywhere other than the ED, prehospital personnel shall utilize the following procedure:

- A. Contact the receiving facility prior to arrival to determine if the medical staff wants the patient to be evaluated in the ED or another department within the hospital. Hospital diversions generally do not affect the receiving status of other departments within the facility.
- B. If the patient is to be transported to a destination other than the ED, ask the receiving facility to have a staff member available upon your arrival to guide prehospital personnel to the department within the hospital being requested. \*
- C. Upon arrival at the ED, confirm the patient's destination within the hospital.

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1. Prehospital personnel shall ask for a representative from the hospital to accompany prehospital personnel. If destination is known, utilization of hospital staff may not be necessary.
2. In no circumstances shall patient care be compromised or adversely affected by waiting to deliver a patient to another department or waiting for a staff member from the hospital to accompany prehospital personnel.
3. Obtain assistance from the ED if the patient's condition significantly changes or required in the judgment of prehospital personnel.

- \* Prehospital personnel are required to bring all appropriate equipment (i.e. O.B. kit, oxygen, cardiac monitor/defibrillator, etc.) necessary for the continuum of patient care within the hospital.
- \* Default destination will always be the ED.