

**MOUNTAIN-VALLEY EMS AGENCY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**POLICY: 544.00
TITLE: TRAUMA SYSTEM FEES**

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1798.162, 1798.163, 1798.164
California Code of Regulations Section 100255.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. "Trauma Center" or "designated trauma center" means a licensed hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which has been designated as a Level I, II, III, or IV trauma center and/or Level I or II pediatric trauma center by the local EMS agency, in accordance with California Trauma Care System Regulations.

III. PURPOSE

To mitigate the expense to Mountain Valley EMS for implementation and managing the trauma system.

IV. POLICY

A. Trauma Center Application Fee:

1. A trauma center application fee will be established. This fee will cover the costs associated with the designated process. These costs may include contract costs for plan development, Requests for Proposal development, review of proposals, out of area site team costs, legal reviews and agency costs in excess of the costs associated with the day to day trauma system regulation. The trauma center application fee will be assessed for hospitals applying for trauma center designation. Fees paid that are in excess of actual costs will be returned to applicants.

B. Trauma Center Designation Fee:

1. The Mountain-Valley EMS Agency Board of Directors will establish a trauma center designation fee. This fee covers the cost of monitoring the operation of the trauma care system in compliance with state trauma care systems regulations and regional policies. The fee will be based on the time requirements of the trauma medical director, trauma coordinator, and other staff time dedicated to trauma issues as well as associated overhead and

program support costs.

2. Mountain-Valley EMS Agency will provide contractor written notice of any increase in the designated fee at least 90 days (three (3) months) prior to the effective date of the increase with an explanation for the increase and the basis on which it was calculated.
3. If the amount is not agreeable to the contractor and resolution of the amount cannot be reached prior to the effective date of the charge, or any later date as mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties, then either party may terminate the agreement without penalty. A written notice of 180 days must be made to other party to terminate the agreement. If the agreement is terminated, the designated fee in existence at the time notice is given will be prorated until termination.