

System Operations**Date: 07/01/2025****Intentional Deviation from Protocol****Policy #4030****I. Purpose:**

To establish guidelines and procedure for intentional deviations from established Imperial County Base Hospital protocol orders.

II. Authority:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.90, 1797.220. Title 22

III. Policy:

- A. Imperial County Base Hospital Physicians (BHP) may authorize orders for intentional deviation from treatment protocols under the following criteria:
 - a. The order must be within the EMS providers California Scope of Practice and included in the Imperial County Scope of Practice.
 - b. The order must be deemed necessary by the BHP to prevent serious morbidity or mortality.
 - c. The order must be given by an Imperial County BHP.
- B. All intentional deviations shall be reported in writing using ICPHD EMS Form available online through the Imperial County EMS website to the Base Hospital Program Manager within 24 hours of the occurrence.

IV. Procedure:

- A. The Base Hospital Physician shall:
 - a. Personally give the order for intentional deviation after determining the order is necessary.
 - b. Sign the EMS Run Sheet.
 - c. Complete and submit appropriate section to ICPHD EMS Incident Report Form within 24 hours of the incident.
- B. The EMS Provider shall:
 - a. Only receive deviation orders from an Imperial County authorized BHP.
 - b. Acknowledge that the orders received were deviations from protocols.
 - c. Document on the patient care record the deviation with the name of the ordering physician and MICN (if applicable).
 - d. Complete "Intentional Deviation from Protocol" Form found on the Imperial County EMS website within 24 hours of incident.
- C. The Base Hospital shall:
 - a. Review all deviation forms submitted.

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- b. Complete appropriate sections of the form.
 - c. Submit form to the Imperial County Emergency Medical Care Committee for review.
 - d. Provide education to EMS, MICN or BHP if indicated after review of incident.
- D. The Quality Assurance Committee shall:
 - a. Review incidents with the committee that did not follow proper policy and procedure.
 - b. Make recommendations for education if needed.
 - c. Track and trend to identify necessary policy changes.

APPROVED:

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