

System Operations**Date: 02/01/2021****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:
- The order must be within the EMS providers California Scope of Practice and included in the Imperial County Scope of Practice.
 - The order must be deemed necessary by the BHP to prevent serious morbidity or mortality.
 - The order must be given by an Imperial County BHP or an MICN after consultation with the BHP.
- B. All intentional deviations shall be reported in writing using ICPHD EMS Form # 4190 to the Base Hospital Program Manager within 24 hours of the occurrence.

IV. Procedure:

- A. The Base Hospital Physician shall:
- Personally give the order for intentional deviation or authorize an MICN to relay the order after determining the order is necessary.
 - Sign the EMS Run Sheet.
 - Complete and submit appropriate section to ICPHD EMS Form # 4190 within 24 hours of the incident.
- B. The MICN shall:
- Consult with the BHP regarding requested deviation of protocol orders and acknowledge the order is a deviation.
 - The MICN shall transmit the order to the EMS provider, if the physician is unavailable, stating "This deviation from protocol was ordered by Dr. _____." With order to follow.
 - Initiate and obtain the BHP signature on ICPHD EMS for # 4190.
 - Obtain BHP signature on the Run Sheet with documented order.
- C. The EMS Provider shall:
- Only receive deviation orders from an Imperial County authorized BHP or MICN.
 - Acknowledge that the orders received were deviations from protocols.
 - Document on the patient care record the deviation with the name of the ordering physician and MICN (if applicable).
- D. The Base Hospital shall:
- Review all deviation forms submitted.
 - Complete appropriate sections of the form.
 - Submit form to the EMQAAR for review.
 - Provide education to EMS, MICN or BHP if indicated after review of incident.

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- E. 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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