

**System Operations****Date: 12/01/2019****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 # 4190\*\*\*online to the Base Hospital Program Manager within 24 hours of the occurrence.
- C. EMS providers will not be subject to disciplinary action for carrying out the orders received if the order is outside their scope of practice.

**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 Form # 4190\*\*\* 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).
- C. The Base Hospital shall:
  - a. Review all deviation forms submitted.
  - b. Complete appropriate sections of the form.
  - c. Submit form to the \*\*\* 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.

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- b. Make recommendations for education if needed.
- c. Track and trend to identify necessary policy changes.

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