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**Mutual Aid**

Associated Policies:

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- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)
  - A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
  - B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22
  - C. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures
- II. Purpose

To establish a procedure for mutual aid response from agencies that fall at the outside boundaries of the North Coast EMS region.
- III. Policy
  - A. Any basic, intermediate, or advanced Prehospital Care Professional who is not certified or licensed in California or accredited in the North Coast EMS region may temporarily perform his/her scope of practice within the North Coast EMS region on a mutual aid response, on routine patient transports from out of the County or State into our region, or during a special event, if the following conditions are met:
    - 1. The basic, intermediate, or advanced Prehospital Care Professional is certified or licensed in another State, Country, or California County, or under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.
    - 2. The basic, intermediate, or advanced Prehospital Care Professional restricts his/her scope of practice to that for which (s)he is certified or licensed.
    - 3. When mutual aid is from another California County, medical control is maintained in accordance with Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.
    - 4. When mutual aid is from Oregon, medical control is maintained in accordance with Oregon laws.
- IV. Responsibilities
  - A. The Oregon or out-of-region responding agency is liable for their personnel.
  - B. The medical control, quality assurance, continuing education, and basic, intermediate, or advanced prehospital care operations are retained by the Oregon or out-of-region responding agency and/or responsible EMS agency.
  - C. Suspected or actual patient care deficiencies observed by North Coast EMS base hospital personnel, or others, will be forwarded to the Oregon

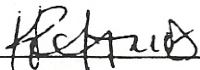
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or out-of-region mutual aid agency, the responsible EMS agency, and North Coast EMS.

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