



Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Administrative Bulletin

Subject: New Policies & Protocols - Batch 4

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Purpose

This bulletin provides official notification of updated policies and protocols implemented in Stanislaus County.

New Policies & Protocols

The following documents have been posted on the [Stanislaus County EMS Agency website](#) and will take effect on April 1, 2026.

Policies

553.24 Burn Triage and Destination
553.25 Trauma Triage and Destination

Protocols

Allergic Reaction
Burns
Childbirth
Environmental Emergencies
Hemorrhage Control
Nerve Agent Exposure
Non-Traumatic Shock
ROSC
SSMR
Suspected Opioid Withdrawal (Including Buprenorphine)
Suspected Sepsis
Trauma

Action Required

All EMS personnel and providers are expected to review and implement these policies by **May 1, 2026**. Each provider agency should ensure that all clinical staff are trained and compliant with this directive. Please see the attached page for noted changes to each policy/protocol. For questions or clarification, please contact the Stanislaus County EMS Agency.

Sincerely,

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Batch 4 Protocol & Policy Updates

POLICIES	CHANGES
553.24 Burn Triage and Destination (New)	Moved Burn triage criteria to a separate policy and updated burn triage criteria
553.25 Trauma Triage and Destination (Updated)	Updated trauma triage criteria and updated trauma destination through the DCF

PROTOCOLS	CHANGES
Allergic Reaction	Combined adult & peds protocols; allows EMT's to administer oral diphenhydramine; peds push dose epi - 10 mcg IVP
Burns	Combined adult & peds protocols; updated burn triage criteria; introduces 20CRW - 20 minutes of cool running water for most burns
Childbirth	Updates protocol; adds TXA for extreme post-partum hemorrhage with hypotension
Environmental Emergencies	Combines adult & peds protocols - heat illness & hypothermia
Hemorrhage Control	Updates TXA protocol; TXA now 2 grams; allows topical TXA to severe wounds to control bleeding; allows nebulized TXA for severe oral bleeding or epistaxis
Nerve Agent Exposure	Updated current protocol to new format; added guidance for midazolam if included in CHEMPACK
Non-Traumatic Shock	Updates peds push dose epi - 10 mcg IVP
ROSC	Updates peds push dose epi - 10 mcg IVP
SSMR	Removed mid thoracic pain as indication for SSMR
Suspected Opioid Withdrawal (including Buprenorphine)	New protocol for use of buprenorphine
Suspected Sepsis	Updates peds push dose epi - 10 mcg IVP
Trauma	Combined adult & peds trauma protocols; update trauma triage criteria