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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CARE “RICHIE” FUND DISTRIBUTION

Purpose: To define how monies from the Pediatric Trauma Care “Richie” Fund will be distributed in Santa Barbara County.

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.199.

Policy: It is the intent of the legislature that these funds be used to support pediatric trauma care and increase access to and coordination of pediatric trauma care services. The distribution of the Trauma Care Fund will conform to the following guidelines.

Procedure:

1. Monies accumulated in the “Richie” fund each fiscal year are available for disbursement beginning the following fiscal year (e.g. Funds deposited beginning July 2011 will be available for distribution after July 2012).
2. These funds will be distributed to designated Trauma Center(s) proportional to the number of pediatric trauma patients meeting trauma criteria the previous year as identified in the EMS Agency’s Trauma Registry.
3. The EMS Agency will notify the Trauma Center(s) of the total amount available in the fund. The Trauma Center(s) to be eligible to receive funds will provide the following to the EMS Agency:
 - a. Submit a letter of intent on how the trauma center proposes to use the funds by meeting at least one of the required criteria:
 - Compensate physicians for uncompensated pediatric trauma care services.
 - Purchase pediatric medical equipment.
 - Provide pediatric trauma education.
 - Improve access to pediatric trauma care services.
 - b. Maintain all pertinent financial documentation and provide to the EMS Agency if requested.

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- c. Submit a written report to the EMS Agency by end of the fiscal year in which the funds were dispersed describing how the funds were used to support pediatric trauma services according to the criteria identified in (a).
3. EMS Agency will review letters of intent and determine compliance to distribution criteria and notify trauma center of approval and request submission of invoice.
4. Upon distribution of the Pediatric Trauma "Richie" Fund, the local EMS Agency will do the following:
 - a. Monitor trauma centers for compliance with distribution methodology.
 - b. Monitor trauma centers for appropriate spending of "Richie" Fund monies on pediatric trauma services.
 - c. Develop a procedure for trauma centers to pay back to the EMS Agency a pro rata portion of the funding that has been received if the trauma center ceases functioning as a trauma center prior to June 30 of the fiscal year in which it receives funding.