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DIVISION 2.5. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES [1797 - 1863] (*Division 2.5 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*)

CHAPTER 12. Emergency Medical Services System for Children [1799.202 - 1799.207] (*Chapter 12 added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 197, Sec. 3.*)

1799.202. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the California Emergency Medical Services for Children Act of 1996.
(*Added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 197, Sec. 3. Effective July 22, 1996.*)

1799.204. (a) For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "EMSC Program" means the Emergency Medical Services For Children Program administered by the authority.
- (2) "Technical advisory committee" means a multidisciplinary committee with pediatric emergency medical services, pediatric critical care, or other related expertise.
- (3) "EMSC component" means the part of the local agency's EMS plan that outlines the training, transportation, basic and advanced life support care requirements, and emergency department and hospital pediatric capabilities within a local jurisdiction.

(b) Contingent upon available funding, an Emergency Medical Services For Children Program is hereby established within the authority.

(c) The authority shall do the following to implement the EMSC Program:

- (1) Employ or contract with professional, technical, research, and clerical staff as necessary to implement this chapter.
- (2) Provide advice and technical assistance to local EMS agencies on the integration of an EMSC Program into their EMS system.
- (3) Oversee implementation of the EMSC Program by local EMS agencies.
- (4) Establish an EMSC technical advisory committee.
- (5) Facilitate cooperative interstate relationships to provide appropriate care for pediatric patients who must cross state borders to receive emergency and critical care services.
- (6) Work cooperatively and in a coordinated manner with the State Department of Health Services and other public and private agencies in the development of standards and policies for the delivery of emergency and critical care services to children.
- (7) On or before March 1, 2000, produce a report for the Legislature describing any progress on implementation of this chapter. The report shall contain, but not be limited to, a description of the status of emergency medical services for children at both the state and local levels, the recommendation for training, protocols, and special medical equipment for emergency services for children, an estimate of the costs and benefits of the services and programs authorized by this chapter, and a calculation of the number of children served by the EMSC system.

(*Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 171, Sec. 3. Effective August 10, 2001.*)

1799.205. A local EMS agency may develop an EMSC Program in its jurisdiction, contingent upon available funding. If a local EMS agency develops an EMSC Program in its jurisdiction, the local EMS agency shall develop and incorporate in its EMS plan an EMSC

component that complies with EMS plan requirements. The EMSC component shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (a) EMSC system planning, implementation, and management.
- (b) Injury and illness prevention planning, that includes, among other things, coordination, education, and data collection.
- (c) Care rendered to patients outside the hospital.
- (d) Emergency department care.
- (e) Interfacility consultation, transfer, and transport.
- (f) Pediatric critical care and pediatric trauma services.
- (g) General trauma centers with pediatric considerations.
- (h) Pediatric rehabilitation plans that include, among other things, data collection and evaluation, education on early detection of need for referral, and proper referral of pediatric patients.
- (i) Children with special EMS needs outside the hospital.
- (j) Information management and system evaluation.

(Added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 197, Sec. 3. Effective July 22, 1996.)

1799.207. The authority may solicit and accept grant funding from public and private sources to supplement state funds.

(Added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 197, Sec. 3. Effective July 22, 1996.)