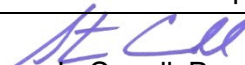



COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
Policy Title: Guidelines For Base Hospital Contact		Policy Number: 704	
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- I. PURPOSE: To define patient conditions for which Paramedics shall establish BH contact.
- II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code Sections 1798, 1798.102 and 1798.2
- III. POLICY: A paramedic shall contact a Base Hospital in the appropriate catchment area, based on the location of the incident in the following circumstances:
  - A. Any patient to which ALS care is rendered under VCEMS Policy 705: County Wide Protocols.
  - B. Patients with traumatic injuries who triage into steps 1-4 of VCEMS Policy 1405: Field Triage Decision Scheme.
  - C. General Cases
    1. Significant vaginal bleeding (OB or non-OB related).
    2. Pregnant female in significant distress (e.g., symptoms of placenta previa, placenta abruptio, toxemia, retained placenta, etc.).
    3. Syncope / Near Syncope
    4. Any safely surrendered baby.
    5. AMA involving any of the conditions listed in this policy.
    6. AMA including suspected altered level of consciousness
    7. AMA involving an actual/suspected BRUE patient.
    8. AMA involving any pediatric patient under 2 years old
    9. Any patient who, in paramedic's opinion, would benefit from base hospital consultation.