

Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency
EMS System Policies and Procedures

Policy: Maintenance of Durable Medical Equipment #437.50

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.220, 1798 and; Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Section 100168 (b)(3).

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) - includes, but is not limited to, traction splints, ventilators, oxygen regulators, oxygen liter flow devices, ECG monitors, defibrillators (including Automatic External Defibrillators), IV pumps, mechanical CPR devices, electronic thermometers.
- B. Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies- Air and Ground Ambulance Service Providers located within the County of Tuolumne and any signatory agencies to Tuolumne County Basic Life Support First Responder Agreement.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the minimum maintenance requirements for durable medical equipment used to provide medical care by Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies.

IV. POLICY

- A. Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies shall be responsible for the maintenance of DME in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and keeps written records of all maintenance checks and service.
- B. Within 24 hours, Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies shall notify the EMS Agency of any failure of DME that occurs during the treatment of a patient.
- C. Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies shall immediately remove any DME from service that has failed from service, until the reason for the failure has been corrected.
- D. Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies shall immediately remove any DME from service that is subject to a manufacturer or FDA recall, until the reason for the recall has been corrected.

- E. Emergency Medical Services Provider Agencies shall report to the EMS Agency any DME that has not completed its maintenance and/or service in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and the reason(s) the maintenance was not completed. The EMS Agency may, at the discretion of the EMS Medical Director (or their delegate), allow the DME in question to remain in service for a period not to exceed thirty calendar days, if the risk to the public is outweighed by the removal of the DME in question.
- F. The EMS Agency reserves the right to inspect the maintenance and service records for any DME.
 - 1. During regular business hours for the business office of the Emergency Medical Services Provider Agency.
 - 2. At any time if there is a real or perceived threat to the public health and safety pose by the use of the DME.