

<i>KITTITAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</i>				
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I. PURPOSE

To identify for prehospital EMS providers how and from whom they may receive off-line and on-line medical direction.

II. PROCEDURE

All certified prehospital emergency medical service providers shall adhere to the following guidelines for obtaining medical direction.

A. MEDICAL CONTROL / DIRECTION

1. **Off-line** Medical Control – Medical Program Director approved written Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols or Standard Operating Procedures.
2. **On-line** Medical Control – Medical direction from a Washington State, Department of Health recognized delegate physician of the Medical Program Director, in accordance with local, Regional, and State Patient Care Protocols and Procedures.

NOTE: Delegate Physicians at the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital - Emergency Department, as the only medical facility that operates 24/7 in Kittitas County, serve as on-line Medical Control for all of Kittitas County.

B. MEDICAL ADVICE

1. Kittitas County BLS and ILS providers may request/receive emergency medical advice from the Kittitas County Paramedic in route to the scene if provider is unable to make contact with medical control.
2. Certified EMS providers may receive medical advice from a receiving facility physician outside of their normal service area and county of medical control.

<p>RECOMMENDED BY KC EMS/TC COUNCIL:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

<p>APPROVED BY MEDICAL PROGRAM DIR.:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

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