I. PURPOSE
This policy defines the designation process and criteria for Primary Stroke Center (PSC) in Contra Costa County. PSCs are facilities that have been designated by the Contra Costa County EMS Agency (LEMSA) as appropriate care centers for patients with suspected stroke. The PSCs work collaboratively with emergency medical services (EMS) system partners to establish and support an optimal system of stroke care in the community.

II. APPLICATION PROCESS
To apply for designation as an EMS PSC in Contra Costa County, the hospital shall:
A. Submit a designation application to the LEMSA.
B. Submit applicable designation fees to support stroke system of care activities.
C. Meet PSC designation criteria and contractual requirements.

III. WRITTEN AGREEMENT
All PSCs must enter into a written agreement with the LEMSA prior to designation. The written agreement details the specific obligations of all parties responsible for the management of stroke patient care within the LEMSA.

IV. PSC DESIGNATION CRITERIA
Designation criteria for an EMS PSC in Contra Costa County shall require documentation of the following:
A. The hospital is a 9-1-1 receiving hospital, licensed in the State of California.
B. Certified as a Joint Commission or equivalent National Primary Stroke Center as approved by the LEMSA.
C. Designation of the PSC Medical Director and PSC Nurse Program Manager.
D. Hospitals may qualify for PSC designation as a Telestroke Center using telemedicine.
E. A written commitment to fully participate in the Contra Costa County EMS Quality Improvement (QI) and data collection program.
F. Participation in California Stroke Registry (CSR).
G. Internal policies and procedures to assure reliable use of ReddiNet to communicate CT diversion in compliance with EMS Policy 5002 (Hospital CT / STEMI - Cardiac Cath Lab And Internal Disaster Diversion).
H. A Community Stroke Reduction Plan including participation in outreach programs to reduce cardiovascular disease and stroke.

V. DESIGNATION PROCESS AND TERM
A. Initial PSC designation will be awarded to a hospital following satisfactory review of all evidence to show compliance with this policy and upon completion of an informational site survey conducted by the Contra Costa EMS PSC designation review team.
B. The PSC designation term shall be not more than three (3) years, as specified in the written agreement between the PSC and the County.

VI. RENEWAL PROCESS AND TERM
A. PSCs who maintain compliance with PSC designation criteria will be eligible for automatic renewal of designation.
B. Renewal requires maintaining a written agreement and submission of annual designation fees.

VII. OUT-OF-COUNTY DESIGNATION
A. PSCs that are located out-of-the county qualify for recognition as designated PSCs within Contra Costa County under the following conditions:
   1. Certified by the Joint Commission as a PSC or equivalent accrediting organization as approved by the LEMSA.
   2. Designated by their county’s LEMSA as a PSC.
   3. If the Hospital is located in a county that does not have a stroke system, the hospital must enter into a written agreement to be qualified for PSC designation in the Contra Costa Stroke System.

VIII. LOSS OF DESIGNATION
The inability to meet and maintain PSC designation as defined in this policy and the written agreement is criteria for loss of designation.

IX. LIST OF DESIGNATED PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS

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