




ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
To: Contra Costa County Pre-hospital First Responders and EMS Providers
FROM: Dr. David Goldstein, EMS Medical Director 
SUBJECT: Cardiac Monitor Standard Setting Changes (17-CLN-002)

The EMS Agency has finalized treatment guideline changes for 2018, and as a result, changes are required for agencies using cardiac monitors for ALS or CCT transports, regardless of the device manufacturer. The changes outlined below are being made to better align patient care treatment with the 2015 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care:

External Pacing Settings:

- ✓ Default Rate set to 60
- ✓ Default energy set to 70mAmp

Please refer to Field Procedure FP12 – External Pacing for indication and procedure information.

Changes to all cardiac monitors must be completed no later than December 31, 2017. The EMS Agency recognizes that the change requirement creates an overlap with current treatment guidelines. As a result, changes made in line with this requirement will be honored for use prior to the deadline. Each agency is required to submit a letter to the EMS Agency indicating that their devices are compliant with the 2018 changes no later than the deadline outlined herein.

Questions concerning this change should be referred to Jesse Allured, Program Coordinator, at (925) 646-4690 or via e-mail at Jesse.Allured@hsd.cccounty.us.

