

	3104	Critical Care Paramedic Provider Agency Policy
Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual	Treatment Guidelines	
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Purpose:

To define the requirements utilizing CCP during Critical Care Transportation.

Policy:

- 1) Any agency wishing to staff a CCP unit, shall make notification to Nor-Cal EMS at least 30 days prior to going in service, and meet all the requirements listed in Nor-Cal EMS Policy/Treatment Guidelines, State and Federal Guidelines.
 - a) **Staffing:**
 - i) All CCP units shall be staffed with at least 1 currently accredited Nor-Cal EMS certified CCP.
 - ii) EMT's assigned to CCP units should be trained to work in the Critical Care Transportation environment.
 - (1) That training shall be provided by the provider agency and approved by Nor-Cal EMS.
 - b) **Quality Improvement program:**
 - i) A written CQI plan approved by Nor-Cal EMS- Including provisions for continuing education.
 - ii) An RN/MD shall have clinical oversight of the CQI program.
 - iii) Specific review of any care involving CCP expanded scope medications.
 - iv) CCP Provider agency shall make annual reports summarizing CQI activity, trends or issues noted and any resolution of care concerns.
 - c) **Required CCP Ambulance equipment in addition to standard ALS transport supplies (3101):**
 - i) AC Power Inverter
 - ii) Mechanical Ventilator- Including 2 sets of required tubing and Viral filters.
 - iii) Mechanical Infusion pump
 - iv) Portable Doppler
 - v) Thermometer
 - vi) Video Laryngoscope (Must meet policy 1824 requirements)
 - vii) Blood administration & Filtered Tubing for TPN, compatible with Infusion pump
 - viii) Medications/Fluids- Lactated Ringers, 5% Dextrose, IV Acetaminophen, Dopamine, Lasix, Verapamil, Lorazepam, Diazepam, Norepinephrine, Nitroglycerine for drip.
 - d) **Training:**
 - i) CCP must complete additional documented quarterly skills competency, education and evaluation, which will include at a minimum: Adult Oral Intubation (Bougie, Video Laryngoscope), Supraglottic Airway, Needle Thoracostomy, Ventilator operation, CCP Drip calculations, CCP Treatment Guidelines.
 - ii) Initial CCP unit EMT training to Include at a minimum: EMTALA, COBRA, Infusion Pumps (operation and troubleshooting), Indwelling Tubes (Foley, Thoracostomy, Nasogastric, suprapubic), NIBP, SpO2, Capnography, 12 EKG lead placement. Recognition of equipment to assist with Cardioversion/Defibrillation, Needle thoracostomy, intubation, and agency specific ventilator orientation and parts
 - (1) EMT shall at least annually attend documented skills competency education and evaluation on the above topics, ideally with their CCP partners.