

# SERVICE AREAS FOR HOSPITALS

## PURPOSE

To define the service areas for hospitals within the Marin County Trauma System.

## RELATED POLICIES

Trauma Triage and Destination Guidelines Policy, # 4613

## DEFINITIONS

*Service Area* refers to the area from which acute care facilities will receive patients.

## POLICY

All counties contiguous with Marin County have established Trauma Systems in place and will not utilize designated trauma facilities within Marin County as primary destinations for injured patients.

- A. Conditions may exist at any given time that result in the delivery of injured patients to a Marin County designated facility by a provider originating their service in another county. Those conditions may include, but are not limited to the following:
  1. Circumstances requiring medical mutual aid
  2. Incidents impeding the usual flow of traffic and dictating a Marin County destination.
- B. Patients who meet Trauma Triage Criteria will be transported to a trauma center, as indicated by the Trauma Triage and Destination Guidelines policy.