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.