

Comments on Proposed Burn Center Designation Policy  
Public Comment Period  
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SECTION # PAGE #	AGENCY	COMMENT	EMS RESPONSE
III, A page 1	SJCH Burn Unit	A. Burn Center means an intensive care unit in which there are specially trained physicians, <i>physician assistants (PA)</i> , <i>nurse practitioners (NP)</i> , nursing and supportive personnel	Comment acknowledged. Change accepted.
IV, J page 2	SJCH Burn Unit	K. At least one physician, <i>PA or NP</i> shall be on-call at all times with advanced training in burn care.	Comment acknowledged. No change.
IV, C, page 2	Bakersfield Memorial Hospital (BMH)	Add – “To retain the designation within Kern County, the Burn Center must receive verification by the American Burn Association (ABA) within three years of this policy implementation, or within two years of establishing a new program. Once verified by the ABA, the Burn Center must maintain that verification status to continue its designation”	Comment acknowledged.
IV, J, page 2	BMH	Revise initial statement as follows – “At least one physician in the Emergency Department and at least one registered nurse in the Emergency Department or in the Burn Center shall be on duty”.....	Comment acknowledged. No change.
VII, C, page 4	BMH	Revise the criteria for transport directly to a Burn Center to include all chemical burns; not just those that are great than 10% of total body service area	Comment acknowledged. Change accepted.
IX, A, page 4	Kern County EMS	Add “Provide evidence of emergency department and on-call coverage as outlined in section IV.”	Comment acknowledged. Change accepted.

