



KERN COUNTY  
Public Health Services  
DEPARTMENT

**BRYNN CARRIGAN**  
DIRECTOR

**KRISTOPHER LYON, MD**  
HEALTH OFFICER

1800 MT. VERNON AVENUE

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93306-3302

661-321-3000

WWW.KERNPUBLICHEALTH.COM

EMS Policy Memorandum No. 2022-03

Date: October 12, 2022  
TO: All Prehospital Advanced Life Support Providers  
FROM: Jeff Fariss, EMS Program Manager  
Kris Lyon, Medical Director *Kristopher Lyon*  
SUBJ: **Mandatory HandTevy Use**

Handtevy is an application for electronic devices used to assist prehospital personnel when treating pediatric patients. A pediatric patient is an individual that is 13 years of age or younger. When treating a pediatric patient, Kern County Paramedics **SHALL** refer to the Mobile Handtevy Application for medication dosing and equipment utilization. The Handtevy Medication Booklet is no longer supported by and is no longer being distributed by EMS. The Mobile HandTevy Application provides the proper medication, dose and route of administration for all Kern County approved medications. All providers were given a deadline of Oct 1, 2021 to have Handtevy fully operational in Kern County. HandTevy training and usage is **MANDATORY** for paramedics operating in Kern County and EMS is conducting 100% quality improvement reviews on all patients 13 years or younger that received medications to assure that dosages match HandTevy. If a Kern County Paramedic fails to appropriately use HandTevy, the following actions will be taken by EMS:

- First Warning- Verbal warning in the form of a letter to be placed in the paramedic's permanent file.
- Second Warning- Written warning along with a meeting with Kern County EMS Program staff.
- Third Warning- Paramedic will be put on probation for no less than 6 months and shall attend a mandatory Handtevy Retraining course.
- If the Paramedic fails to utilize Handtevy a fourth time, the paramedic's Kern County's Accreditation shall be suspended for no less than 30 days, placed on probation for 1 year and they shall attend a mandatory Handtevy Retraining course.

Kern County EMS hosts a HandTevy course the third Tuesday of every month. HandTevy training will be held at Kern County Public Health, located at [1800 Mount Vernon Ave, Bakersfield, Ca, 93306](https://www.kernpublichealth.com/1800-Mount-Vernon-Ave-Bakersfield-Ca-93306), in the education center. Individuals attending the course will need to check in with security at the front desk upon arrival. Please contact Edlin Blankenship at 661-868-5217 or Alec Larroque at 661-868-5204 to confirm availability. Please remember that Kern County Public Health is considered a Health Care Facility and as such masks are mandatory while in the building.

It is our desire that all paramedics operating in Kern County comply with HandTevy to assure that proper medication administration occurs for these young and fragile patients.