

## **EDAP STANDARDS**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In order to address the quality of care provided to pediatric patients in Solano County, the EMS Agency has adopted an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) process. Approximately 30 million children are seen each year in our nation's emergency departments (ED's). Most of these children (90%) will arrive by private car and 10% will arrive by ambulance. Each ED must be prepared with appropriate staff, equipment, supplies, and procedures to provide quality care regardless of the patient's age or presenting complaint.

These processes will ensure that all trauma centers and designated emergency departments that receive pediatric patients through the 9-1-1 system have the appropriately trained staff and the necessary equipment to provide quality care for those pediatric patients.

The Solano County EDAP standards meet or exceed the standards established by the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) administration, personnel, and policy guidelines for the care of pediatric patients in the emergency department set forth by the California Emergency Services Authority in 1995. These guidelines are specifically designed to provide ED's with the necessary resources for the care of children in the emergency setting.

Without a pediatric critical care center or Children's hospital, Solano County has few to little resources to offer pediatric disaster victims. The EDAP process by design will ensure rigorous standards are set, adhered to, regulated and sustained in order to address factors such as pediatric emergency readiness, pediatric disaster preparedness, and acute care and appropriate transfer of the pediatric patient.

In addition to being a resource document explaining and detailing the EDAP process the application at the end of this manual will serve as request and guideline for designation by the Solano County EMS Agency as an EDAP.