SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

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Memorandum

DATE: November 6, 2026

TO: All Prehospital Personnel and Providers
Base Hospital Personnel
Acute Care Hospitals

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SUBJ.: Approved Cervical Spine Stabilization Device

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform all prehospital providers that effective immediately, San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SJCEMSA) approves the use of adjustable C-Collar devices for cervical spine stabilization.

SJCEMSA Policy No. 4101, EMS Response Vehicle Medication and Equipment, SJCEMSA Policy No. 5115, Cervical Spine Stabilization, and SJCEMSA Policy No. 5502, BLS Scope of Practice Summary are being revised and released for public comment and expected to go into effect on July 1, 2027. In the meantime, prehospital providers may use this memo to change over their stock of previously purchased cervical spine stabilization devices to adjustable C-Collar devices and or purchase adjustable C-Collars for use. Commonly used devices in the prehospital setting include the "Laerdal Stifneck® Select™" and "Ambu® Perfit ACE" for cervical spine stabilization.

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