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San Joaquin County EMS Policy No. 4448, EMS Aircraft Utilization outlines specific patient criteria for the transport of patients via air ambulance from the scene of an emergency. In an effort to ensure that patients that meet air ambulance utilization criteria are transported to an appropriate receiving facility, the San Joaquin County EMS Agency is in the process of writing an air ambulance destination policy.

In the interim, effective immediately all patients that are transported from the scene of an emergency to a receiving hospital via air ambulance will be routed to one of the following destinations:

1. San Joaquin General Hospital
2. UC Davis Medical Center
3. Children's Hospital, Oakland (Pediatric patients only)
4. Memorial Medical Center, Modesto
5. Doctors Medical Center, Modesto
6. Any other facility capable of receiving an immediate patient as determined by the Control Facility during a multi-casualty incident through EMSsystem status polling when those facilities listed in 1-5 above are unavailable to receive the number of patients requiring transport by air ambulance.

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