

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MOBILIZATION OF LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL  
CACHES (LPCs)**

REFERENCE NO. 1106

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PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the release of LPCs to designated personnel during times of medical need.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The County of Los Angeles has established six (6) County owned and maintained pharmaceutical caches and has funded private hospitals to maintain eleven (11) additional pharmaceutical caches that are stored geographically throughout the County.
2. The authority to deploy LPCs or portions of its contents to the field, local hospitals, and/or dispensing sites rests with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency and/or the Disaster Medical Officer.

POLICY:

- I. In the event of a major event, emergency or disaster which results in a need for additional pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, or the need to begin mass prophylaxis due to exposure to a biological agent, EMS/hospital personnel shall request for the deployment of the LPC by contacting the EMS Agency via the Medical Alert Center (MAC) as follows:
  - A. In the event that pharmaceuticals are needed in the field due to a mass casualty event, EMS personnel shall contact the MAC by either telephone at (866) 940-4401, ReddiNet or HEAR. If unable to contact the MAC, EMS personnel shall contact the Fire Operational Area Coordinator (FOAC) – Los Angeles County Fire District (which is contacted through its Dispatch Center).  
  
See Ref. No. 1108, CHEMPACK Deployment for Nerve Agent Release.
  - B. In the event that pharmaceuticals are needed at a hospital due to a mass casualty event, hospital personnel shall contact the MAC via ReddiNet.
- II. The EMS Agency will contact the LPC storage facility to inform them of the need to release the cache and provide the following information:
  - A. Identify that you are from the EMS Agency and provide your name, employee number, and a phone number where you can be contacted;
  - B. Provide the name of the person(s) who will be picking up the LPC;
  - C. Provide an estimated time of arrival.
- III. The personnel who have been dispatched to pick up the LPC, upon arrival at the storage facility, will contact the designated facility personnel. Access will be provided to the LPC.

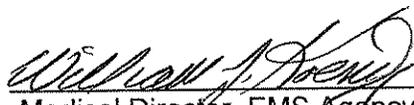
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Personnel picking up the cache will provide their name and employee number to the storage facility personnel and sign the required form(s) acknowledging the receipt of the LPC.

IV. The LPC may be delivered directly to the field, to a hospital, or to a staging site.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 1106.1, **LPC Inventory List**

Ref. No. 1106.2, **LPC Photograph**

Ref. No. 1106.3, **LPC Checklist for Items Deployed**

Ref. No. 1108, **CHEMPACK Deployment for Nerve Agent Release**