



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism that assures quality medical supplies are used in County-operated hospitals, ambulatory care and health centers.

POLICY:

All major medical supplies and patient care equipment shall be evaluated and approved prior to use in County-operated health care facilities. DHS Corporate Supply Chain shall establish a system-wide committee structure to uniformly evaluate requests for new and replacement products made by physicians, nurses, or staff members.

The committee(s) established to review supply and standardization opportunities may originate requests for new products and equipment pursuant to established evaluation criteria.

No individual shall accept samples or supplies from any manufacturer or sales representative without the appropriate documentation or committee consent through established and approved protocols.

The make-up of the committee shall include licensed professionals, clinical end-users, administrative staff, director of value analysis, and the hospital's Supply Chain Director.

All medical equipment items must have Cerner compatibility. The Cerner Certification program of medical equipment is required to ensure a seamless connection between medical equipment and the Electronic Health Record (EHR), ORCHID system.

The mission of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services is to ensure access to high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective health care to Los Angeles County residents through direct services at DHS facilities and through collaboration with community and university partners.

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