

### SUBMERSION (# 7302)

- **Pediatric Routine Medical Care**
- **Contact the base physician** if patient is also showing signs of pulmonary edema before moving to the appropriate policy.
- Consider CPAP (see CPAP procedure #10100 for indications)
- Consider spinal precautions prior to extrication if possibility of neck trauma. Otherwise place the patient on his/her side to protect the airway and prevent aspiration; be prepared to suction.
- Rapid extrication from water.
- **Note:** If hypothermia is suspected and the patient is in ventricular fibrillation, rewarming is essential. Remove wet clothing, wrap in warm blankets and place in warm ambulance.
- Initiate rapid transport to the closest most appropriate receiving hospital.

