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TO: ERCS
911 PROVIDERS
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STROKE NEURO RECEIVING CENTERS

**SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE STROKE NEURO RECEIVING CENTER
AT SADDLEBACK MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Effective immediately, Orange County EMS (OCEMS) is suspending the Stroke Neuro Receiving Center (SNRC) designation for Saddleback Memorial Medical Center. This suspension will remain in effect until further notice. As such, all patients meeting criteria for transport to an SNRC should be taken to other designated facilities.

Until advised otherwise, patients diagnosed at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Irvine with acute strokes should be transferred to the nearest SNRC, which would be Mission Hospital Mission Viejo, Hoag Newport, or Orange County Global in Santa Ana.

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