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**MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES
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DATE: February 8, 2022

TO: EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER (ERC) HOSPITALS
AMBULANCE PROVIDERS
911 PARAMEDIC PROVIDERS
BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS
HOSPITAL CEOs

SUBJECT: REAUTHORIZATION OF AMBULANCE DIVERSION

The Orange County EMS Agency has been closely monitoring various metrics since the initial suspension of ambulance diversion. It is now clear that these parameters, including Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOTs) have improved substantially.

Therefore, effective tomorrow, February 9, 2022, at 7 AM, OCEMS will once again permit hospitals to request diversion status for ambulance traffic on ReddiNet. All other directives related to ambulances, including the use of cots, will remain in effect for the time being.

OCEMS will continue to monitor the situation and may issue additional instructions as needed to ensure patients calling 911 can receive timely and appropriate care.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carl Schultz, MD'.

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