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To: OC Ambulance Providers
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From: Greg Boswell, RN OCEMS Program Manager

Subject: OCEMS Certification Changes

Effective September 1, 2009, Orange County Emergency Medical Service (OCEMS) will be changing the process for issuing EMT certificates, Ambulance Attendant Licenses, and Paramedic accreditation. These changes will be made in order to ensure compliance with new regulations and requirements at the state and local level. We regret that **OCEMS will no longer** be able to provide certification on the same day an application is received. New and renewing candidates can anticipate a processing period of up to five working days from the date OCEMS receives a complete application. Certifications will be delivered to the applicant via U.S. mail.

OCEMS will strive to deliver the best customer service and timely certification. We recommend all candidates for certification submit applications at least two weeks prior to the expiration date to avoid any lapses during the processing period.

Sincerely,

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