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TO: BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS
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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL 6 MONTH DELAY IN DESIGNATING POLICY #300.30 AS
MANDATORY FOR 911 PROVIDERS

In a normal year, new/updated policies listed on the OCEMS website in the Upcoming Section (meaning they are optional) remain in this location for 6 months. This allows time for 911 providers to train their personnel to the new standards. During this time, they may use the new/updated policies in the field or continue to use the older versions. After 6 months, these policies are migrated to the permanent section of the website and all personnel are required to follow them.

Obviously, this has not been a normal year, and the added challenges from COVID-19 has complicated the typical transition of policies. One policy in particular, #300.30 (OC-MEDS: EMS Provider Prehospital Care Reporting & Data Submission Process), has been particularly impacted by this unpredictable environment. As such, it seems in the best interest of all stakeholders to hold policy #300.30 in the Upcoming Section for an additional 6 months. This means that it will remain optional until October 1, 2022, at which time it will become mandatory.

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