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To: **EMS Distribution**

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Subject: **Orange County EMS Policies- Administrative Changes**

Orange County Emergency Medical Services has released the following policies with administrative changes. The administrative changes for each policy are described in the following table:

Policy	Change	Supporting Comments
90.00 Abbreviations	Revision	Updated to reflect language in current regulations. Added references to electronic records and OCMEDS. Changed language to reflect new terminology (ERC, CCERC, etc.). Updated definitions of "closed" status for Reddinet®
110.10 Emergency Medical Care Committee	Revision	Updated to reflect current regulation H&S Code Division 2.5 Section 1797.270. First authority citation wording changed from "Shall" to "may"
310.89 STAT Transportation Guidelines	Deletion	Original policy did not define what STAT means Covered in other policies and treatment guidelines
310.97 Early Paramedic Warning System	Deletion	No longer necessary with Reddinet®. Some elements covered in other policies, e.g. 310.96 and 850.00
330.05 ALS Treatment in a Major Medical Disaster	Deletion	Standing orders make this policy irrelevant as treatments to prevent loss of life or limb are covered.
330.52 Identification of Anatomical Donor Patients	Deletion	Do not want scene delays looking for paperwork. Hospitals have processes in place to contact their Organ Procurement Organizations

330.53 Emergency Information Sheet for Patients with Severe or Chronic Illness	Deletion	Rarely used. Many patients are using POLST
385.00 CQI Plan	Revision	Updated to reflect language in current regulation. Added references to OCMEDS and NEMSIS. Added a section for Ambulance Service Providers for consistency to cover all LEMSA provider agencies
410 EMT Certification and Recertification	Revision	Changes based on new regulations. All elements of old policy are contained in new revision which is reflective of current regulation
615.00 Impact Evaluation	Revision	Last updated 1999. Only revision is to reflect current language in Title 22, including changing Department of Health Services (DHS) to California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
PR-215 Monitoring Thoracostomy Tubes during Interfacility Transport	Revision	Revision to bring up to current standard.

The updated policies can be found our webpage:

<http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/policies/>

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