DATE: October 23, 2019

TO: Systemwide distribution

FROM: Carl Schultz, MD
EMS Medical Director

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF SYMONS AMBULANCE AS IFT-ALS PROVIDER

Effective immediately, Symons Ambulance has decided to cease operating as an IFT-ALS provider in Orange County. Therefore, as of today and going forward, they will no longer be available to provide IFT-ALS patient transfers. They will continue to provide non-911 BLS ambulance service within Orange County.

Entities wishing to transport patients using an IFT-ALS provider can still use the other IFT-ALS ambulance companies currently designated in Orange County, which are Liberty Ambulance, Lynch Ambulance, and PRN Ambulance.
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2019

TO: BASE HOSPITALS (BHC AND BHP)  
    EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTERS  
    AMBULANCE COMPANIES  
    ERC MEDICAL DIRECTORS  
    FIRE EMS COORDINATORS

FROM: CARL H. SCHULTZ, MD  
      MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ORANGE COUNTY EMS AGENCY

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER  
         DESIGNATION FOR CHAPMAN GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER

Effective immediately, the Orange County EMS Agency has suspended the designation of Chapman Global Medical Center as an Emergency Receiving Center (ERC).

Patients calling 911 will not be directed to Chapman Global Medical Center until their temporary suspension is lifted.

CHS:chs#3622
DATE: November 25, 2019

TO: BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS  
ERC MEDICAL DIRECTORS  
FIRE EMS COORDINATORS/MANAGERS  
IFT-ALS NURSE COORDINATORS  
PARAMEDIC TRAINING CENTERS

FROM: CARL H. SCHULTZ, MD  
ORANGE COUNTY EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF UPDATED SO-P-085 TO WEBSITE

Due to multiple conversations surrounding the dose of atropine in organophosphate poisoning, OCEMS is decided to post the update of SO-P-085 now rather than wait until April 1, 2020. The dose has changed from 0.05 mg/kg IM to 0.1 mg/kg IM. This is the only change from the current standing order posted on the web. This change makes the standing order for atropine in organophosphate poisoning identical to that reflected in the Base Hospital Treatment Guidelines.

Please see our website at http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems for the newly edited version.
DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2019

TO: BASE HOSPITALS (BHC AND BHP)
    EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTERS
    AMBULANCE COMPANIES
    ERC MEDICAL DIRECTORS
    FIRE EMS COORDINATORS

FROM: CARL H. SCHULTZ, MD
      MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ORANGE COUNTY EMS AGENCY

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER DESIGNATION FOR CHAPMAN GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER

Effective immediately, the Orange County EMS Agency has lifted the temporary suspension of Chapman Global Medical Center’s designation as an Emergency Receiving Center (ERC).

Patients calling 911 can now be directed to Chapman Global Medical Center.

CHS:chs#3631
DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2019

TO: EMS PROVIDER AGENCIES
   DESIGNATED BASE HOSPITALS

RE: PAYMENTS BY CHECK / PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION PROCESSING

Effective January 1, 2020, Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) will no longer accept fee payments for any services or certifications via paper check that are delivered to our office. Fee payments by paper check may instead be mailed to:

Orange County Health Care Agency
Accounting Department
C/O Emergency Medical Services Fee Payments
200 W. Santa Ana Blvd. Suite #800
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Any paper checks sent directly to our office will be rejected and will be returned to the sender. Instead, providers are encouraged to utilize our Online Licensing System to pay for any outstanding application or service fees electronically.

Effective immediately, OCEMS will no longer process any EMS certifications in bulk; including:

- California Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certifications
- Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant Licenses
- Orange County Paramedic Accreditations
- Orange County Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Authorizations

EMS personnel applications and fee payments will be processed on an individual basis only through the OCEMS Online Licensing System. Providers who have previously made these requests should plan for how best to manage their personnel certification processes internally.

If you have any questions, please contact the OCEMS Licensing Desk at 714-834-3500.

Sincerely,

Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN
EMS Director
Orange County EMS Agency