DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2020

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

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SUBJECT: ADDITION OF NEW EMS DOCUMENTS AND
         CLARIFICATIONS/UPDATES OF EXISTING DOCUMENTS

The Orange County EMS Agency reviews, updates, and makes additions to its policies,
procedures, and standing orders on a biannual basis. The EMS Agency has recently completed
this task for the April 1 release. Clarifications and updates have been made to documents so
they reflect current standards and practice. The documents are listed below. A brief description
adjacent to each document identifier summarizes the changes made. They will be posted to the
website in early March. Please see our website at http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems for the
newly edited versions which will be listed under the “Upcoming Policy and Standing Orders for
April 1, 2020” tab.

DOCUMENTS FOR APRIL 1 EMS UPDATES

STANDING ORDERS

SO-E-05 Adult/Adolescent Burn (change language describing burn character from
        “hot” to “symptomatic”)
SO-P-25 Pediatric Amputation Injuries (standardize maximum dose language for
        fentanyl and morphine)
SO-P-30 Pediatric Crush Injury (standardize maximum dose language for fentanyl
        and morphine)
SO-P-60 Pediatric Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis (standardize maximum
        diphenhydramine dose at 50 mg)
SO-P-95 Pediatric Burns (standardize maximum dose language for fentanyl and
        morphine)
SO-M-50  Adult Overdose/Poisoning (for organophosphate exposure, change “Guideline” B-35 to “Procedure” B-35)

POLICY

200.00  EMS Medical Transportation Providers (adding Emergency and Premiere as IFT- ALS providers and removing PRN)
210.00  911 Paramedic Service Providers (removal of Garden Grove Fire Department from the list)
310.00  911 ALS Base Contact, Standing Orders (add language requiring BH contact for cases of field helicopter transport to ERCs)
325.00  ALS Provider Minimum Inventory (deleted Policy 325.20 and incorporated it into 325.00. Now lists required and optional inventory for 911 and IFT ALS providers)
777.00  IFT-ALS Service Provider Criteria (clarified language regarding licensure vs. designation, replaced reference to 325.20 with 325.00, clarified expectations for non-compliance)

PROCEDURES – ALS & BLS

B-025  BLS Provider Assisting with Aspirin for Chest Pain/Cardiac Ischemia [change language from “two” baby (81 mg) tablets to “four” so it matches SO-C-15]
PR-04  APGAR Score (removed language referring to use of bulb syringe)
PR-030  Endotracheal Intubation (Including ETCO2) [add supraglottic airway language and need for quantitative ETCO2]

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