I. **AUTHORITY:**
   California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 - 1797.218. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 – 1791.200, 1797.206, 1797.208, and 1797.214. California Title 22, Section 100144; (b)

II. **APPLICATION:**
   This policy defines the criteria for accreditation as an Orange County EMS (OCEMS) Interfacility Transport Paramedic (IFT-P). Also defined is the scope of practice of an OCEMS IFT-P.

   No individual shall perform as an IFT-P in Orange County without valid OCEMS IFT-P Accreditation.

III. **CRITERIA FOR INITIAL IFT-P ACCREDITATION:**
   A. Have a current California Paramedic License in good standing.
   B. Be accredited as an Orange County Interfacility-Paramedic.
   C. Successfully complete an OCEMS approved IFT-P Training Course which included as a minimum Understanding OCEMS policies and procedures, including ALS and IFT-P Standing Orders and Procedures and data input using the OC-MEDS system.
   D. Successfully complete ten (10) preceptored IFT-P level transports prior to accreditation as an OCEMS IFT-P.
   E. Have current American Heart Association CPR, ACLS and PEPP certification.

IV. **CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED IFT-P ACCREDITATION:**
   A. Have a current California Paramedic License in good standing.
   B. Be an accredited Orange County Interfacility-Paramedic in good standing.
   C. Attend all OCEMS mandatory updates after initial OCEMS Accreditation and successfully complete evaluation tests associated with these updates.
   D. Maintain current American Heart Association ACLS and PEPP certification.
   G. Understand and adhere to OCEMS policies and procedures, including ALS and IFT-P Standing Orders and Procedures and data input using the OC-MEDS system.
   H. Attend a minimum of two (2) Orange County Base Hospital RPACs annually.

V. **LENGTH OF ACCREDITATION:**
   Accreditation shall be for a maximum period of two (2) years.

VI. **SCOPE OF PRACTICE:**
   A. The IFT-P scope of practice includes all California Paramedic Basic Scope and Optional Scope items approved for use in Orange County by the OCEMS Medical Director.
B. In addition to the OCEMS approved Paramedic Basic and Optional Scope items, the IFT-P Scope will include:

1. Maintain magnesium sulfate medication infusions initiated at a transferring facility before interfacility transport.

2. Maintain blood and blood product transfusions initiated at a transferring facility before interfacility transport.