March 28, 2013

TO:  BASE HOSPITAL DIRECTORS
     BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS
     ALS PROVIDER AGENCIES (Fire Coordinators)
     BLS PROVIDER AGENCIES (Ambulance Providers)
     HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
     ORANGE COUNTY PRC DIRECTORS

FROM:  SAMUEL J. STRATTON, MD, MPH
        EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:  DESIGNATION OF CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL ORANGE COUNTY AS A
          COMPREHENSIVE CHILDRENS EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER

Children’s Hospital Orange County (CHOC) has been designated by Orange County Emergency Medical Services as a Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center (CCERC – OCEMS Policy 680.00). The CCERC designation allows CHOC to function as an emergency receiving center for receiving pediatric ALS and BLS patients from the emergency medical services system.

On April 1, 2013 at 7:00 a.m., Children’s Hospital of Orange County will begin accepting EMS pediatric patients from the EMS System.

All OCEMS Designated Paramedic Receiving Centers (PRCs) will continue to accept pediatric patients. Pediatric patients presenting to the EMS system should be routed to the closest, most appropriate receiving center. Destination decisions should follow OCEMS Policy 310.10 - “Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility” and OCEMS Policy 310.96 - “Guidelines for PRC Request for Diversion Status”.

Adult EMS System patients should be routed to an OCEMS designated Emergency Receiving Center.

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