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TO: IFT-ALS PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC CARDIAC COMPRESSION DEVICES (ACCD) BY IFT- ALS PROVIDERS

As some of you may know, Orange County EMS has implemented a requirement that all 911 ALS providers have immediately available an ACCD for the treatment of patients in cardiac arrest. Our agency is now in the process of consolidating policies and procedures so that 911 ALS and IFT-ALS paramedics practicing in Orange County are regulated by the same standards.

As such, we will be asking IFT- ALS providers to have at least one ACCD available for use by paramedics in the field should the need arise. Begining March 1, 2020, a six month grace period will commence in which this requirement will not be enforced. On September 1, 2020, OCEMS will expect all IFT- ALS providers to comply with this policy.

Sincerely

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