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TO: BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS
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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 October 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 October. Please see our website at <http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems> for the newly edited versions. Due to disruptions related to COVID-19, we were not able to post these earlier.

DOCUMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1 EMS UPDATES

STANDING ORDERS

- I-20: Pediatric Medication Dosing by Weight. New standing order, **posted in July 2020.**
- SO-P-85: Substance Overdose/Poisoning. Added language (bullet point number 5) clarifying that all drugs in the standing order can be given IO.
- SO-T-10: Traumatic Cardiopulmonary Arrest. Added language that the use of epinephrine in obvious traumatic cardiopulmonary arrest is not

indicated. **Posted August 2020 per Fire EMS Advisory Group recs.**

POLICY

- 310.10 911 Dispatched Patient Transport. Added language to the last section VI.B. Hospice Patient Care. Clarified what treatment paramedics can render and how to deal with leaving patient on-scene after care provided.
- 310.15 MD on Scene. Expanded the language of the policy to include all advanced licensed medical practitioners, not just MDs.
- 325.00 ALS Provider Minimum Inventory. Changed the classification of hydroxocobalamin from the mandatory pharmaceutical inventory category to the optional pharmaceutical inventory category.

PROCEDURES – ALS & BLS

- B-025 BLS Provider Assisting with Aspirin for Chest Pain/Cardiac Ischemia. Eliminated two contraindications for administration of aspirin so this procedure is consistent with SO-C-15 dealing with cardiac chest pain.