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SUBJECT: IFT-ALS PILOT AND FUTURE COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROJECTS

There have been recent questions regarding participation in the current IFT-ALS pilot program and future Community Paramedic pilot projects. This memorandum is to answer these questions.

The IFT-ALS pilot results were presented to the Orange County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) on June 28 with a motion made to further evaluate the proposed program. Participation in the IFT-ALS pilot is open to any public or private EMS provider. Requirements for IFT-ALS participation are described in the attached Pilot Protocol (# 777.00).

Orange County EMS has received inquiries about development and participation in Community Paramedicine pilot projects. The California EMS Authority has recently released criteria that the state will require for Community Paramedicine project proposals (see attached report titled Community Paramedicine: A Promising Model for Integrating Emergency and Primary Care). The State EMS Authority will be coordinating Community Paramedicine project proposals with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP). Project proposals are open to both public and private EMS providers that meet state established criteria. For more information refer to http://www.emsa.ca.gov/personnel/Community_Paramedicine/default.asp >.