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## HEALTH DISASTER MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



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To: **EMS Distribution**

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Subject: **Orange County EMS Policy Updates**

The following policies have been updated in the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy & Procedure Manual:

### NEW POLICIES

Policy Updated	Change	Supporting Comments
510.10 EMT Skills Competency Verification	New Policy	Establishes a process to operationalize OCEMS monitoring of verification of EMT skills competencies

### POLICIES UPDATED AFTER 50 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT

The following policies have had administrative updates

Policy Updated	Change	Supporting Comments
300.20 OCMEDS System Management	New Policy	Outlines responsibilities for OC-MEDS system management
315.00 OCEMS EMT Scope of Practice	Revision	Changes reflective of public comment input
325.00 ALS Unit Minimum Inventory	Revision	Changes reflective of public comment input, especially with regard to ability to obtain specific drug formulations.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES- REVISIONS

The following policies have had administrative updates

Policy Updated	Change	Supporting Comments
300.10 OC-MEDS Documentation Standards	Revision	Clarifies that PCRs are to be completed prior to leaving the receiving facility so that they are promptly available for physicians and staff.
330.15 ALS Treatment in Communications Failure or Without Base Hospital Contact	Revision	With the questions from the report now on the ePCR, this policy has been revised to reflect current practice. Reports now come to OCEMS rather than to a BHC
330.20 Transport of Minors	Revision	Minor changes to reflect current practice
330.25 Infant Safe Surrender	Revision	Minor changes; verification of current contact information
330.30 Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Guidelines	Revision	Minor changes; verification of current contact information and use of the written report form
330.35 Suspected Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse Reporting Guidelines	Revision	Minor changes; verification of current contact information

330.50 Withholding CPR for the Obviously Dead	Revision	Added "obvious exsanguination"; clarified language about hospice/terminal patients
330.51 DNR	New form only	No current policy revisions. Adding most recent POLST form
330.57 Restraints	Revision	Deleted language about mandatory restraints for 5150 patients; added language about assessment
330.96 Prehospital Exposures	Revision	Revised to reflect current practice and notification phone/fax numbers
510.00 EMT Training Programs	Revision	To reflect current regulations
510.05 EMS Monitoring of EMT Training	Revision	Minor changes to reflect language from Title 22. Deletes reference to a checklist
520.00 Paramedic Training Program Criteria	Revision	To reflect current regulations
530.00 EMS Continuing Education Provider	Revision	To reflect current regulations
600.00 Emergency Receiving Center Criteria	Revision	VI. D. On Call requirements: Deleted requirement for on-call ophthalmologist and oral surgeon
706.00 Temporary ALS Unit Activation	Revision	To reflect current practice and system notification process

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES- DELETIONS**

The following policies have had administrative updates

525.00 Paramedic Training Selection of Candidates	Delete	OCEMS has no authority over admission processes of Saddleback College
525.50 Internal Precepting Of EMT-P Field Internship Candidates	Delete	Obsolete policy

Current OCEMS Policies and Procedures can be found on our webpage:

<http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/policies/>

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