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TO: EMS System

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SUBJECT: **DESIGNATION OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ORANGE COUNTY AS A
PEDIATRIC TRAUMA RECEIVING CENTER**

Children's Hospital Orange County (CHOC) has been designated by Orange County Emergency Medical Services as a Level II Pediatric Paramedic Trauma Receiving Center. The Level II Pediatric Paramedic Trauma Receiving Center designation allows CHOC to function as a Trauma Receiving Center for pediatric trauma patients fourteen (14) years of age or less.

On January 15, 2015 at 7:00 a.m., Children's Hospital of Orange County will begin accepting EMS pediatric trauma patients from the EMS System.

All OCEMS Designated Paramedic Trauma Receiving Centers (PTRCs) will continue to accept pediatric trauma patients. Pediatric trauma patients presenting to the EMS system should be routed to the closest, most appropriate Paramedic Trauma Receiving Center. Destination decisions should follow OCEMS Policy 310.10 - "Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility" and OCEMS Policy 310.96 - "Guidelines for ERC Request for Diversion Status".

Adult EMS System trauma patients should be routed to an OCEMS designated Paramedic Trauma Receiving Center capable of caring for adult trauma patients.