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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

The following are administratively released new policies

Policy Updated	Change	Comments
310.00 9-1-1 ALS Base Contact, Standing Orders and Transport Criteria	New	New Policy- Replaces I-40 from Standing Orders
325.05 Air Rescue Unit Inventory	New	Defines minimum equipment standards for air rescue service provider units
350.00 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transport Provider Criteria- County Administered Non-Exclusive Areas	New	Describes OCEMS criteria for approval of a 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Service Provider for county administered, non-exclusive 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Operating Areas (OAs) within the boundaries of Orange County
352.00 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transport Provider – Provisions for Service in County Administered Nonexclusive EOAs.	New	Describes OCEMS method(s) for providing 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Service Provider services coverage for county administered, non-exclusive OAs within the boundaries of Orange County
430.15 Accreditation to Practice- Air Rescue Personnel Criteria	New	New policy defines Air Rescue personnel accreditation criteria for EMT, AEMT, Paramedic
430.20 Accreditation to Practice-Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) Personnel Criteria	New	New policy define Tactical Emergency Medical Services personnel accreditation criteria for EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, MDs, RNs & other healthcare providers
730.15 Prehospital Air Rescue Service Provider Criteria	New	Establishes criteria to be authorized as an OCEMS Air Rescue Service Provider

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES**

The following policies have had administrative updates

<b>Policy Updated</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Comments</b>
090.00 Definitions	Revision	Updated definitions- pediatric age updated to less than 15 years old, 5150, AMA
200.00 Licensed EMS Medical Transport Providers	Revision	Updated current list of Licensed EMS Transport Providers
300.10 OCMEDS Documentation Standards	Revision	Clarify PCR electronic submission and documentation standards
310.15 Physician at Scene	Revision	Updated to provide the current CMA Notice to Physician
310.30 Trauma Triage Attachment	Revision	Added falls from a galloping horse, ground level falls ≥ 75 old, shore break and dive injuries to trauma triage criteria, defines a pediatric patient as less than 15 yrs old
310.30 Trauma Triage	Revision	Added falls from a galloping horse, ground level falls ≥ 75 old, shore break and dive injuries to trauma triage criteria
330.40 First Responder Defibrillation Standing Orders	Revision	Updated to current language and practice
330.45 Field Research Prehospital Emergency Care	Revision	Updated to current language and practice
330.47 OCEMS Optional Scope of Practice of Practice Petition Procedure	Revision	Updated to current practice for optional scope of practice petition procedure
330.51 Do Not Resuscitate (DNR and Health Care Directives)	Revision	Updated to current terminology- police changed to law enforcement
330.70 Paramedic Assessment Unit	Revision	Updated PAU equipment exceptions- removed AED modified for manual override, added fentanyl as optional item, updated language, updated personnel experience
380.00 Review of EMS Policy by a Base Hospital	Revision	Updated language to current standards
400.00 Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN)	Revision	Add in prorated fee statement for initial authorizations, add in challenge process requirements for MICN challenge candidates, add language consistent with current application process and language consistent with CCR
410.00 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification Recertification	Revision	Add timeline for completion of initial and recertification process. Reformat to clarify certification/recertification process.
415.00 OCEMS Accreditation to Practice- EMT	Revision	Clarification of language for CPR requirements and renewal requirements. Add timeline for completion of accreditation process.
425.05 First Responder Community Provider Accreditation for Advanced Procedures	Revision	Add King Airway to list of advanced procedures
430.10 Accreditation to Practice- ALS Personnel Criteria	Revision	Clarification of language for CPR requirements
450.00 EMT-P MICN Informal Performance Review/Counseling	Revision	Language updated to current procedures
500 Mobile Intensive Care Nurse	Revision	Language updated to current regulations, field observation hours changed to be consistent with consistent with policy 400
505.00 OCEMS EMT Accreditation – Training Program Requirements	Revision	Language updated to current regulations, deleted regulations language and referenced regulations sections,
510.00 EMT Training Program Criteria	Revision	Application timeline established
510.10 EMT Skills Competency Verification	Revision	Adds registered nurse to verify skills competency
520.00 Paramedic Training Program Criteria	Revision	Application timeline established
530.00 EMS CE Provider Approval	Revision	Application timeline established
600.10 ERC Resource Listing	Revision	Updated to current providers/resources
610.00 Base Hospital Criteria	Revision	Language updated to current regulations, reformat

