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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

Policy Updated	Change	Comments
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

630.00 Cardiovascular Receiving Center Criteria	Revision	Clarify language related to diversion, language modified to be consistent with OCEMS Policy 310.96
635.00 ERC/BH Survey Resurvey	Revision	Updated to current practice standards
650.00 Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Designation Criteria	Revision	Clarify language related to diversion. Updated data elements language, added requirements for neuro-intervention and neurosurgical capability
655.00 Agreement to provide services as PRC	Revision	Changed PRC language to ERC language, changed ED nursing supervisor to ED nursing director/manager
655.01 Agreement to provide services as PRC	New	Same as policy 655.00 with wording specific for CCERC
660.00 Agreement to provide services as Trauma Receiving Center	Revision	Changed PTRC language to TC language, changed from Trauma Center Physician to Trauma Medical Director and Trauma Program Manager
700.00 EMT-P Service Provider Criteria	Revision	Reformatted
705.00 ALS Unit Approval Reactivation	Revision	Criteria for policy 705 and 707 similar, policies combined into one policy #705. Revised language to current standards.
720.60 Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, Documentation	Revision	Revised language to clarify PCR documentation for transported patients
730.10 Prehospital Air Ambulance Service Provider Criteria	Revision	Revise language consistent with ambulance ordinance, add reporting requirements for criteria noncompliance, remove air rescue specific language and created air rescue service provider policy (OCEMS policy 730.15).
730.20 Prehospital Air Ambulance and Air Rescue Service Activation Procedure	Revision	Add authority related to air rescue
777.00 IFT ALS Service Provider Criteria	Revision	Define initial and renewal annual licensure cycle requirement, define noncompliance and inspection related issues
778.00 IFT ALS Personnel Criteria	Revision	Clarify IFT-ALS level transports for initial accreditation; define criteria for reactivation of IFT-ALS Accreditation after a break in service.
900.00 Multi Casualty Incident Response Plan	Revision	Reformatted

POLICY DELETIONS

The following policies have are being deleted

Policy Updated	Change	Comments
330.46 Field Research Petition	Delete	Duplicates OCEMS policy 330.45
330.55 Section 5150	Delete	Not applicable to current standards
330.65 Patient Refusal of Prehospital Care	Delete	Moved to SO-AMA- Standing Order Signing Against Medical Advice (AMA) in the Field
330.66 Patient Refusal Form after AMA	Delete	See SO-AMA
390.10 Base Hospital Report Form	Delete	Not applicable to current standards
390.15 Pre Hospital care Report	Delete	Not applicable to current standards
390.16 Attachment I- Prehospital Care Report	Delete	Not applicable to current standards
390.20 BLS Ambulance Field Report	Delete	Not applicable to current standards
390.20 Attachment 1- BLS Ambulance Field Report	Delete	Not applicable to current standards
700.05 EMT-P Service Provider Checklist	Delete	Duplicates OCEMS Policy 700.00
705.05 ALS Unit Approval/Reactivation Checklist	Delete	Duplicates OCEMS Policy 705.00
707.00 Assessment Unit Service Authorization	Delete	Assimilated into OCEMS Policy 705
I-40 Base Contact and Transport Criteria (All Ages)	Delete	Moved to policy 310.00 9-1-1 ALS Base Contact, Standing Order and Transport Criteria

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

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