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SUBJECT: INTERFACILITY ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL TRANSFERS USING EMS
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Attached is Orange County EMS Policy 310.20 with Attachment that describes the different resources available for Interfacility transfer of patients using Orange County licensed ambulance providers.

Policy 310.20 replaces the previous Orange County EMS policy # 670.10. Policy 310.20 provides the following clarifications:

1. Any interfacility transfer between acute care hospitals must comply with federal and state transfer laws and regulations.
2. Unless being transported for direct admission to an inpatient bed, a patient cannot be transported to the emergency department of a hospital that is formally declared it is on Emergency Department Diversion Status (by means of the ReddiNet).
3. The IFT-ALS program is preferred for paramedic transport between acute care hospitals.
4. The different levels and capabilities of available transport modalities are clarified in 310.20 Attachment A.

Please contact Orange County EMS for any questions or comments regarding Policy 310.20.

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