COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER CONTACT AND TRANSPORT CRITERIA (PILOT PROJECT 2018-2019)

I. AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2,5, Sections 1797.220, 1797.222, 1797.250, 1797.257, 1798.0, and 1798.2. OCEMS Policy # 680.00

II. APPLICATION:

This policy defines when 9-1-1 dispatched advanced life support units (ALS) must make contact with an Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) designated Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center (CCERC) when transporting a patient age 14 and under (less than 15) to that Center.

III. TRANSPORT CRITERIA:

Transport any child meeting the following criteria directly to a CCERC:

1. A CCERC is the most appropriate, nearest emergency receiving center (ERC)
2. Child's parent or caretaker requests transport to a CCERC
3. Child appeats to be having an acute stroke or neurologic emergency
4. Child is an interfacility transport from a health care facility or provider to a CCERC

IV. CCERC DIRECT CONTACT CRITERIA:

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1. Contact is encouraged and appropriate at any time a paramedic determines there is a benefit or need to do so.

2. Unstable vital signs as defined as:

	Newborn through 14 years
Pulse (bpm)	<60 or >200
Respirations (resp/min)	<12 or > 50
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	<80

3. Children identified in Standing Orders (SO) as requiring direct contact when being transported to a CCERC.

4. Children with ALTE (Brief Resolved Unexplained Events -BRUE) symptoms when caretaker requests to sign out AMA for ALS or BLS transport.

5. Children who meet Trauma or Replant Criteria (see SO-T-15).

6. Child victims of sexual assault.

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