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SUBJECT: RECENT CLARIFICATIONS OF EXISTING POLICIES

The EMS Agency has recently reviewed several policies and standing orders for accuracy. Clarifications of language have been made to the documents listed below. Summaries of these changes are listed here. Please see our website at <http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems> for the newly edited versions.

SO-AMA Signing Against Medical Advice (AMA) in the Field

- Replace "Power of Attorney" and "legal representative" with "legal guardian".
- Add "A minor who is not self-sufficient may still be released if a responsible adult is present (see SO-REL)" to Section II.1.b.
- Add Section II.2. and II.2.a. defining minor who cannot sign out AMA
- Clarifying definition of emancipated minor

SO- REL Evaluation without Treatment or EMS Transport (Release in the Field)

- Expands description of requirements for identifying when no medical intervention is needed, including exclusion of psychiatric emergencies
- Describes additional conditions when minors can be left in the field
- Replace "legal representative" with "legal guardian"

330.20 Evaluation, Treatment, and/or Transport of Minors

- Expand all policy elements to include evaluation, treatment, and/or transport
- Clarifying the need to obtain consent from parents or legal guardians even if not on scene but that such activity should not delay care (III.B.1.a.)
- Clarify the role of implied consent (III.B.2.)
- Permit release of minor to responsible adult or caregiver if no medical intervention needed (III.C.2.c.)

400.00 Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Authorization

Reorganized MICN document so descriptions and categories follow in a more logical order

Added language identifying specific requirements for MICNs working in a CCERC base Hospital

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