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SUBJECT: OUT OF STATE PARAMEDICS UPDATE

This memo is an update to the advisory issued on November 12, 2021, regarding Out of State Paramedics. Due to on-going demand for paramedics, an additional group of twenty-one (21) out of state paramedics have been processed for deployment by American Medical Response (AMR) in San Bernardino County. They are being rotated into the system to replace the original out of state paramedics that arrived in November. The use of these paramedics will mitigate the temporary staffing issues that AMR has encountered by ensuring there are adequate ambulances to transport patients and on-time performance requirements throughout their service areas are met. ICEMA anticipates the use of out of state paramedics will continue for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

To ensure that all out of state paramedics can practice safely and provide the highest level of care for patients within San Bernardino County, ICEMA requires that they go through the approval process that includes:

- Authorized by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA).
- Possess an active unencumbered paramedic license from their sponsoring state.
- Met standards of the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) for paramedics.
- Complete an orientation that included all ICEMA approved Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) items (i.e., TXA and Ketamine), standard orders, treatment protocols and policies.
- Pass the ICEMA Paramedic Accreditation Test and met other ICEMA requirements for local accreditation.
- Complete sufficient supervised field evaluations to ensure that the paramedic is knowledgeable to function independently under local policies and procedures in the ICEMA region.

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These out of state paramedics are able to practice safely within the ICEMA system and have ICEMA's authority to administer all ICEMA approved medications and procedures. Operational concerns regarding follow up and transition of care should proceed normally. Any additional concerns should be handled by the EMS field personnel or their employing entity.

Any concerns or questions may be forwarded to the ICEMA Duty Officer at ICEMADutyOfficer@cao.sbcounty.gov or Ron Holk, RN, EMS Coordinator at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at ron.holk@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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