SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

FILE #: F/K/M/T #03-2019
TO: All Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare EMS Providers, Hospitals, First Responder Agencies, and Interested Parties
FROM: Jim Andrews, M.D., EMS Medical Director
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DATE: May 10, 2019
SUBJECT: Implementation of EMS Policies and Procedures

#001 – Table of Contents and Revision Log
#293 – EMS Drug and Solution Standards (ALSU)
#510.23 – BLS Protocols – Soft Tissue Injuries
#530.20 – Paramedic Treatment Protocols – Ingestion/Poisoning
#530.40 – Paramedic Treatment Protocols – Severe Pain Management - DELETED
#547 – Patient Destination

Effective June 1, 2019, the EMS Agency will be implementing the listed policies above. Copies of these policies will be available on the EMS Agency website at www.ccemsa.org

EMS Policy #001 – Table of Contents and Revision Log

The changes to this policy include the update to the latest revision dates of each policy. All users of the EMS policies and procedures manual should assure that they have the latest version of each policy and procedure.

EMS Policy #293 – EMS Drug and Solution Standards (ALSU)

Activated Charcoal has been removed from the required drug and solutions standards for ALS units.

EMS Policy #510.23 – BLS Protocols – Soft Tissue Injuries

The soft tissue injuries protocol has been updated to reflect current bleeding control (BCon) practices.
EMS Policy #530.20 – Paramedic Treatment Protocols – Ingestion/Poisoning

Activated Charcoal has been removed from the Ingestion/Poisoning protocol.

EMS Policy #530.40 – Paramedic Treatment Protocols – Severe Pain Management - **DELETED**

The severe pain management protocol (530.40) is being **DELETED** from the paramedic treatment protocols. The use of Fentanyl will be administered in accordance with specific treatment protocols. These existing protocols are unchanged and include:

530.07 – Ventricular Tachycardia with Pulses
530.10 – Bradydysrythmias – Ventricular Rate Less Than 60
530.11 – Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia (PSVT)
530.13 – Coronary Ischemic Chest Discomfort
530.15 – Shortness of Breath with Pulmonary Edema (Base Hospital Order)
530.23 – Trauma
530.24 – Burns
530.36 – Pediatric Bradycardia
530.37 – Pediatric Tachycardia with Pulses
540.02 – CCT General Procedures

**This Special Memo rescinds/replaces Special Memo #03-2018, which was re-issued on July 24, 2018**

EMS Policy #547 – Patient Destination

Section V. PATIENTS THAT CAN GO DIRECTLY TO AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAITING ROOM - The vital signs criteria for patients going to the waiting room of a hospital are **the same** as the vital signs criteria for individuals going to the Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC). The vital signs “range” in the waiting room criteria was too general and has been replaced with the following:

- Patient Vital Signs (Waiting room or CSC)

  **Adults:**
  - Pulse: 50-120 bpm
  - Systolic Blood Pressure: 100-180 mm Hg
  - Diastolic Blood Pressure: less than 120 mm Hg
  - Respiratory Rate: 12-30

  **Pediatrics:**
  - Vital signs appropriate for children (Policy 530.32)

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