DATE: November 14, 2019

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Marissa Matta, EMS Specialist

SUBJ.: Public Comment on Policies to Be Enacted, Revised, or Rescinded

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify EMS system participants and interested parties that the San Joaquin County EMS Agency (SJCEMSA) is soliciting public comments on policies to be enacted, revised, or rescinded.

The following policies are proposed to be rescinded in their entirety as part of a general policy cleanup and to reconcile required changes that will occur with the implementation on April 1, 2020, of EMS Policy No. 5700, Advanced Life Supports Treatment Protocols. As a reminder effective April 1, 2020, current policies 5700 through 5899 will be superseded by EMS Policy No. 5700, Advanced Life Supports Treatment Protocols.

Policies to be rescinded are:
1. EMS Policy No. 2341, Mark-I Auto Injector Skill Sheet.
2. EMS Policy No. 2550, Naso-Orogastric Intubation Performance Criteria.
3. EMS Policy No. 2552, King Airway Performance Criteria.
4. EMS Policy No. 2555, Nasotracheal Intubation Adult Performance Criteria.
5. EMS Policy No. 5502, BLS Scope of Practice Summary.
6. EMS Policy No. 5952, Monitoring Potassium Chloride Infusions.
7. EMS Policy No. 5954, Monitoring Heparin Infusions.
8. EMS Policy No. 5955, Monitoring Nitroglycerin Infusions.

SJCEMSA is also proposing to enact or revise several EMS policies. The public is invited to submit written comments on proposed changes during a 45-day comment period from November 13, 2019 through December 28, 2019.

Policies available for public comment are:
1. EMS Policy No. 2360, Emergency Medical Technician Scope of Practice
2. EMS Policy No. 2541, Paramedic Infrequently Used Skills
3. EMS Policy No. 2547, Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing (TCP) Performance Criteria
4. EMS Policy No. 2560, Paramedic Scope of Practice
5. EMS Policy No. 4101, EMS Response Vehicle Medication and Equipment
6. EMS Policy No. 4200, Management of Controlled Substances
7. EMS Policy No. 5103, Determination of Death in the Field
8. EMS Policy No. 5105, Do Not Resuscitate Orders
9. EMS Policy No. 5201, Medical Patient Destination
10. EMS Policy No. 5500, BLS Treatment Protocols - Introduction
11. EMS Policy No. 5503, BLS Routine Medical Care
12. EMS Policy No. 5504, BLS Patient Assessment – Primary Survey
13. EMS Policy No. 5505, BLS Patient Assessment – Secondary Survey
14. EMS Policy No. 5507, BLS Interfacility Patient Transports
15. EMS Policy No. 5510, BLS Chest Pain of Suspected Cardiac Origin
16. EMS Policy No. 5511, BLS Cardiac Arrest
17. EMS Policy No. 5520, BLS Respiratory Distress
18. EMS Policy No. 5530, BLS Altered Mental Status
19. EMS Policy No. 5531, BLS Seizures
20. EMS Policy No. 5540, BLS Shock Non-Traumatic
21. EMS Policy No. 5541, BLS Abdominal Discomfort
22. EMS Policy No. 5542, BLS Poisoning and Overdose
23. EMS Policy No. 5551, BLS Allergic Reaction- Anaphylaxis
24. EMS Policy No. 5552, BLS Bites and Stings
25. EMS Policy No. 5553, BLS Snake Bite
26. EMS Policy No. 5554, BLS Hypothermia - Frostbite
27. EMS Policy No. 5555, BLS Hyperthermia
28. EMS Policy No. 5560, BLS Gynecological Emergencies
29. EMS Policy No. 5561, BLS Childbirth
30. EMS Policy No. 5581, BLS Burns
31. EMS Policy No. 5583, BLS Head-Neck-Facial Trauma
32. EMS Policy No. 5584, BLS Chest-Abdominal Trauma
33. EMS Policy No. 5585, BLS Extremity Trauma

The proposed draft EMS policies and comment forms may be viewed and downloaded from the SJCEMSA website Draft Policies page. Completed comment forms should be submitted by email to Marissa Matta at mamatta@sjgov.org or by U.S. Mail to the San Joaquin County EMS Agency, PO Box 220, French Camp, CA 95231.

Questions regarding this memorandum and comments on the policies proposed to be rescinded may be directed to Marissa Matta, EMS Specialist by email: mamatta@sjgov.org.