PARAMEDIC ASSESSMENT UNIT

I. AUTHORITY:

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.218, 1797.220 and 1798. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100144, 100168 and 100170.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy defines an OCEMS approved paramedic assessment unit.

A paramedic assessment unit provides advanced life support (ALS) level assessment and intervention.

III. PERSONNEL:

The unit shall be staffed with a minimum of one Paramedic who has a minimum of one year recent (within 180 days) experience on an Orange County ALS unit.

Other crew members shall be trained in completing the patient care record (minimum EMT level) and one responder shall be designated as responsible for documentation.

IV. EQUIPMENT:

Each paramedic assessment unit shall be equipped with ALS supplies and equipment that meets the specifications described in OCEMS Policy #325.00 (ALS Unit Inventory) with the following exceptions: midazolam, morphine sulfate and fentanyl are optional items.

V. SERVICE OPERATION

Pursuant to dispatch protocols approved by the OCEMS medical director, a paramedic assessment unit may be dispatched as the sole responder to an incident or co-respond with an ALS unit

The paramedic assessment unit may modify the initial dispatch after arrival on-scene according to the judgment of the treating Paramedic.

The prehospital care record (PCR) shall reflect all patient care assessments and interventions.

The paramedic assessment unit paramedic may accompany patients to the hospital when that is appropriate, according to their judgment.

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