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To: OCEMS Constituents for Public Comment (via web posting)
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FROM: Samuel J. Stratton, MD, MPH
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SUBJECT: **RELEASE OF NEW POLICIES 777.00 / 778.00 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

This memorandum is to introduce policies 777.00 (Interfacility Critical Care Transport Paramedic (CCTP) Service Provider Criteria) and 778.00 (Interfacility Critical Care Transport Paramedic (CCTP) Criteria) which are being released for a 50-day public comment period.

These policies define a new type of EMS service model for Orange County interfacility transports. The CCTP is designed to provide critical care transport of patients who do not require the higher level of a Critical Care Nurse Transport, but do require transport above the level of that provided by Emergency Medical Technicians.

The 911 emergency response system is not changed by the introduction of the CCTP. Rather, the CCTP is designed solely for the purpose of providing non-911 medical interfacility transports. The two models are designed to function in parallel within Orange County.

Please take the opportunity to comment on the policies.

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