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SUBJECT: **OC-MEDS ELECTRONIC PREHOSPITAL CARE REPORTS**

Since October 2010, Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) has been working with EMS provider agencies to implement the Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS). The system has several modules, including electronic prehospital care report (ePCR) software, comprehensive web-based reporting tools, and a hospital dashboard in which a digital copy of the OC-MEDS ePCR can be delivered to the emergency department in real time. The OC-MEDS system has been certified HIPAA compliant by Orange County Information Technology.

Several EMS provider agencies are in the process of field pilot testing the ePCR software. EMS field providers who are using an ePCR during the pilot testing phase may complete their prehospital care report electronically and will not provide a paper copy of the Prehospital Care Report. Instead, an electronic copy of the ePCR will be delivered to the receiving emergency department via the OC-MEDS Hospital Dashboard and may be printed or imported as an attachment to the patient's in-hospital electronic medical record.

OCEMS is pleased with the tremendous progress that has been made to implement the OC-MEDS program and is eager to work with you to ensure that the project is successful. Any questions and / or concerns may be directed to Laurent Repass. He may be reached at (714) 834-2964 or via email at lrepass@ochca.com.

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