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TO: Each Prehospital Care Policy Manual Holder

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SUBJECT: CHANGE NOTICE #25, PREHOSPITAL CARE MANUAL

Attached are Change Notice #25, Attachment I, and the Record of Changes for the Los Angeles County Prehospital Care Manual. Please ensure that all manuals in your organization are updated with these materials.

Attachment I is a guide to adding, deleting or replacing the policies. It briefly identifies the rationale for any revisions and should be retained with each manual as a reference.

The entire Prehospital Care Manual is posted on the EMS Agency website at https://ems.dhs.lacounty.gov. The website is the best resource for the most current policies as the system changes frequently to keep pace with advances in evidence-based medicine, drug therapy, and disaster preparedness.

Each EMS incident is unique and existing policies may not cover every situation; however, the basic principles for performance can serve as guidelines in related incidents. As always, good documentation is the foundation for data collection and assessing system effectiveness and its importance cannot be overemphasized.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification on policy issues, please contact the Prehospital Care Operations Section of the EMS Agency at (562) 347-1678.

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