ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

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To: San Mateo County Prehospital Care Providers

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Subject: EMS Adult Treatment Protocols (19 – CLN – 002)

On behalf of the EMS Agency, we’d like to thank you for your collaboration in updating and implementing the new adult treatment protocols. The adult protocols included in Sections 4-8 and the Adult Drug Card are effective today. This rollout compliments Sections 1-3, which were implemented in March 2019. The new sections include:

- Section 4: Adult Respiratory protocols
- Section 5: Adult Environmental protocols
- Section 6: Adult Toxic Exposure protocols
- Section 7: Adult Behavioral protocols
- Section 8: Adult Medical protocols

All current protocols and the Provider Feedback Form may be found on the EMS Agency website at: www.smchealth.org/general-information/ems-patient-treatment-protocols

We recognize that some agencies have yet to receive ordered Midazolam in the 10mg/2ml concentration. Paramedics may continue to use the concentration of Midazolam available to them (2mg/ml) to obtain the correct protocol-based dosage until the 10mg/2ml concentration is available. When indicated, paramedics may administer the amount of Midazolam they have readily available to them up to the maximum prescribed in protocol. Document the amount administered in the PCR and obtain restock from your supervisor.

Updated drug cards are being printed and will be distributed as soon as they are available.

Questions or comments related to the new treatment protocols can be submitted to the EMS Agency via the Provider Feedback Form on the EMS Agency website.

The much-anticipated EMS app has been submitted to the Android and Apple App Stores for publishing. We anticipate the app to be available in the coming weeks. We will send an official release notice once it has been published.

Again, thank you for your commitment to applying evidence-based treatment protocols in conjunction with your training and best clinical judgement to improve the lives of those we are privileged to serve.