



Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Fresno County  
Department of Public Health

### SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

FILE #: F/K/M/T #10-2021

TO: All Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare EMS Providers, Hospitals, First Responder Agencies, and Interested Parties

FROM: Jim Andrews, M.D., EMS Medical Director  
Daniel J. Lynch, Director

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DATE: October 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Discontinue Use of EMS Policy 571 - Assess and Refer in CCEMSA region.

**Effective at 0800 hours on October 15, 2021**, EMS providers in Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare Counties will discontinue the use of EMS Policy 571 – Assess and Refer.

This policy successfully met the objectives of reducing the number of non-emergent patients entering the hospital emergency departments and also keeping ambulance resources more available for emergency requests for service. The EMS agency appreciates the cooperation of prehospital personnel.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dale Dotson, EMS Coordinator at (559) 600-3387.