Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Fresno County Department of Public Health

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

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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

DATE: January 2, 2024

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

Effective immediately, 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 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 Mato Parker, EMS Coordinator at (559) 600-3387.