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UPDATE: SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMS DOD BENEFICIARY PATIENT DESTINATION DIRECTIVE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This memo supersedes the January 14, 2021 DOD Beneficiary Patient Destination Directive.

Due to an imminent DOD deployment order received subsequent to the distribution of the January 14, 2021 Patient Destination Directive, implementation is not a viable option at this time. The deployment of DOD healthcare personnel will result in decreased capacity in the local military healthcare system. DOD has advised the County they are currently unable to accept additional patients.

County of San Diego EMS providers will continue to transport DOD beneficiary patients as described in [S-407](#) and [S-610](#). We look forward to revisiting the strategy of directing stable adult DOD beneficiaries to military healthcare facilities in the future, should local healthcare capacity conditions change.

We appreciate the close collaboration with our military partners during this unprecedented time. Thank you for the outstanding care you provide to our patients, day in and day out. We recognize and appreciate your dedication during the special conditions of this pandemic.

Respectfully,

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