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DEACTIVATION OF THE P-801 EXEMPTION/WAIVER FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

County of San Diego EMS actively monitors the health of the 9-1-1 delivery system. The COVID-19 pandemic increased demands on the county's entire healthcare continuum. In an effort to preserve critical healthcare resources, the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director issued the **TEMPORARY P-801 (3)(a) & (9)(a) EXEMPTION/WAIVER** on March 27, 2020.

As the county's healthcare situation has stabilized, the P-801 (3)(a) & (9)(a) exemption shall end **July 1, 2021 at 0800**. EMS service after this date shall comply with standing County EMS policy P-801. The P-801 exemption/waiver could be rapidly reinstated should health system measures – including ED bypass, EMS Transfer of Care times, and overall hospital occupancy – indicate a need.

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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