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SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMS “PATIENT-CENTERED CARE MODIFICATION¹” FROM PARAMEDIC TO EMT TRANSPORT FROM SCENE TO HOSPITAL

Following removal of the [tool](#) that permitted EMTs to transport eligible patients after on-scene paramedic treatment during periods of high system stress, the San Diego County EMS Office received requests from EMS prehospital and hospital professionals for clarification of the currently authorized use of [EMS Policy S-412](#).

Under County EMS Policy S-412, following a complete paramedic assessment and base hospital report, base hospital personnel may authorize a patient-centered care modification (PCCM¹) for transportation to the hospital with EMTs rather than paramedics. This care modification may be appropriate for patients that received a single therapeutic treatment of naloxone, ondansetron, glucagon, dextrose, or acetaminophen AND are not anticipated to require any of the following at the scene or during transport:

- Repeat doses of medications listed above
- Any additional paramedic treatment(s)
- Ongoing paramedic monitoring

All base hospital orders for a PCCM from paramedic to EMT transport shall be reviewed by the base hospital and agency’s internal quality improvement programs.

Thank you for the outstanding care you provide to our patients.

Respectfully,

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¹ Patient-Centered Care Modification (PCCM) is termed “downgrade” in some existing policies