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TO: Each Prehospital Care Policy Manual Holder

FROM: Cathy Chidester

SUBJECT: **PREHOSPITAL CARE MANUAL: CHANGE NOTICE #23**

Enclosed is Change Notice #23 for the Los Angeles County Prehospital Care Policy Manual. Please ensure that all manuals in your organization are updated. Some policies contained in this Change Notice were previously distributed because of their time critical nature.

Attachment I has been developed to identify substantive changes and/or the rationale for other policy changes. A copy of Attachment I should be retained with each Prehospital Care Manual, as it may be a helpful reference to you at a later date.

All prehospital care policies, whether new, existing or revised, are posted on the EMS Agency website at www.ems.dhs.lacounty.gov.

It is important to recognize that each EMS incident is unique and existing policies may not be expansive enough to cover every aspect of an incident. In such circumstances, the basic principles for performance set forth in the policies may serve as guidelines in related situations. The importance of good documentation on the EMS Report Form cannot be overemphasized.

Should you have questions or need additional clarification on policy issues, please contact the Prehospital Care Operations Section of the EMS Agency at (562) 347-1678.

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Attachment

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