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To: All System members

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RE: **Updated Capacity & Risk Worksheet – newly approved policies**

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY

We continue operating under IDPH COVID-19 Emergency Guidelines and **Contingency** Capacity

NEW: EMS PPE w/ NO aerosolization procedures: gloves + N95 mask

WITH aerosolization procedures (CPAP, Nebs, advanced airways/BVM ventilations): gloves, N95 mask + goggles

<p>Updated Decisional Capacity and Risk Assessment Worksheet</p>	<p>The Region IX EMS Advisory Committee met on March 8, 2022. All EMS MDs on the call collaborated to agree on a slight modification of the No Transport criteria. SOPs need to be approved and adopted by the entire Region. Updated language reads as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pts may not dissent to care/transport IF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EMS has access to the pt + they lack legal or decisional capacity; and/or ▪ Pose an imminent risk to self, others, or is unable to care for self (posing an imminent risk of harm); and/or ▪ Remains acutely & severely hemodynamically unstable/in physiologic distress with AMS after care. <p>If any of the above are present - transport under implied consent</p> <p>Please make the modified worksheet (attached to this memo) available to each EMS practitioner and print for every EMS vehicle so a copy is readily available for language to read to hospitals during contested dissent to care or transport calls involving patients with mental illness and/or behavioral health issues.</p> <p>We will also get the updated language posted to the Image Trend worksheet ASAP.</p>
<p>Advisory Board approves updated policies</p>	<p>The System EMS Advisory Board met on March 10 2022 and approved updates to the policies below based on the emergency rules published by IDPH on 12-27-21. Copies of the mark-up versions are attached.</p> <p>Some of these changes will be discussed during the April CE classes, but we encourage each PEMSC to present them as Agency-specific CE drills so all are informed. The System will grant CE hours for verified time discussing System updates.</p> <p>A3 ALS-EMR services Police dogs Service dogs C8 Communications policy D-1 Due process; Corrective coaching; Disciplinary action G-1 Grievance recourse step 1: Request for clarification (TFC)/Complaint investigation EMS QI Review/Complaint investigation form G-2 Grievance recourse step 2: System Review Board (2022 Board member options) T-2 Patient transport Selection of receiving facility</p> <p><i>Stay tuned, more to come based on law/rule changes!</i></p>
<p>Annual competencies reminder</p>	<p>Spring is generally the time when each EMS agency completes their annual mandatory competencies. Topic reminders: CPR (test + practical); advanced airways; Infection control/bloodborne pathogens; ChemPack training; & Aggression mgt/Restraint application</p>

If you have any questions, comments or concerns on any of these updates, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us: Matt Jordan: mjordan@nch.org Connie Mattera: cmattera@nch.org