



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
Hospital CEOs, ED Directors, Nurse Managers and PLNs
EMS Training Institutions and Continuing Education Providers
Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino County EMCC Members
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Tom Lynch
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SUBJECT: CAPNOGRAPHY - REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Making capnography a required item in the ICEMA region has been a topic of discussion for the past few years. At the June 2011 meeting, ICEMA Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) deferred this requirement to allow providers sufficient time to budget for the purchase of the equipment. During the MAC meeting on December 11, 2013, requiring capnography equipment was again discussed and it was noted that over 98% of the current ALS providers had capnography capabilities. MAC recommended that capnography become required equipment for ALS providers in the ICEMA region immediately.

Therefore, effective immediately, capnography will be changed from optional equipment to required equipment. Any agency, currently unable to comply with this requirement, is asked to request a temporary waiver. The waiver request should list the date when the agency will become fully compliant.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Shimshy, RN, EMS Nurse Specialist, at (909) 388-5876 or via e-mail at Sherri.Shimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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