



# Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

*Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties*

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**TO:** San Bernardino County:  
ALS, EMS Aircraft Provider Chief's, CEO's and EMS/Paramedic Coordinators  
Hospital CEO's, ED Directors, Nurse Managers and PLN's

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**SUBJECT: DESTINATION OF 5150 PATIENTS HAVING MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

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Several months ago ICEMA approved a trial program to allow 5150 patients with medical conditions to be transported directly to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC). Base station contact and approval of destination were required for such patients. Unfortunately, this trial program expanded beyond its original parameters and is now resulting in serious questions relating to the destination decisions of these patients.

**THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PATIENTS WITH PERCEIVED BEHAVIORIAL EMERGENCIES THAT REQUIRE MEDICAL EVALUATION SHALL BE DIRECTED BY THE BASE HOSPITAL AND TRANSPORTED BY PROVIDERS TO THE CLOSEST ACUTE CARE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.**

Base hospitals that do not follow the above destination policy will be reviewed for base hospital contract compliance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Thank you.

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