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MEMORANDUM

To: MCAEMS 911 Centers, MCAEMS System Members

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Subject: Request for Aeromedical Resources

This memo is to reinforce the system guidance in regards to requesting aeromedical resources. A few guiding principles I want to emphasize.

1. Any EMS Provider: First Responder, EMT, EMT-I, or Paramedic is empowered to make a request for aeromedical resources. In addition, law enforcement officers are empowered to make a request for aeromedical resources.
2. Providers do not need to be on scene in order to make the decision to launch a helicopter. In fact, more time is saved when the decision to launch a helicopter is made prior to arriving on scene based on information from the dispatcher.
3. The flight services who serve the region have told us time and time again that they would prefer to be called and cancelled rather than be called too late to be of any use.
4. Once a request is made by EMS or law enforcement that request **is not to be cancelled or overridden by any unit who is not yet on scene.**
5. While anyone is empowered to make the request for a helicopter it is the ultimate responsibility of the highest-level EMS provider on the scene to make the determination of the transport mode of the patient.
6. For additional guidance in regards to guidance for when you should consider requesting aeromedical resources please refer to the attached system policy.

If there are any questions or concerns please let me know.

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