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To All PAEMS Agencies and Providers:

Recently, it has come to my attention that some suspected STEMI and stroke patients have not been called in to medical control. Although this practice had been deemed acceptable, situations have risen where patients were not appropriately identified in a timely fashion, leading to delays in time-critical treatment. From now on, in order to facilitate accurate diagnosis of these patients, and to ensure appropriate early mobilization and utilization of resources, all suspected STEMI patients and stroke patients need to be discussed with medical control (even those patients not being transferred to OSF). Appropriate information such as the FAST exam (in suspected stroke patients), and/or prehospital EKG (in suspected MI patients) needs to be relayed to the medical control physician in a timely fashion.

For any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew N. Jackson MD". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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