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**SUBJECT: OCEMS NO LONGER ACCEPTING NEW ADVANCED EMERGENCY
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (AEMT) APPLICATIONS**

The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) level of practice was created for, and is most advantageous in, areas with few ALS practitioners and long response and transport times. Orange County is rich in prehospital ALS providers and generally has definitive patient care transports that occur over short distances and brief times. For these reasons, effective immediately, the OCEMS Agency will no longer be directing resources to support new applicants for the AEMT certification level and will cease to accept new AEMT applications.

There are a small number of AEMTs currently practicing within Orange County and they will be allowed to maintain their certifications.

New applicants who wish to receive an AEMT certification are encouraged to apply to other California local EMS agencies who do offer the AEMT level.

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