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To: San Mateo County Prehospital Care Providers

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Subject: Mobile Stroke Unit

Dear San Mateo County EMS Providers,

We are excited to be rolling out the Mobile Stroke Unit. Many years of planning and training are about to come to fruition. Included in this packet are the updated Operations 29, Operations 36, and the training PowerPoint presentation.

Together we are joining an elite few of EMS Systems across the country that have started using a Mobile Stroke Unit to help improve care for our stroke patients. In doing so, we will also be participating in the broader study of this new model of care, and probably one of the best suited to prove, or disprove, its efficacy.

The Unit will be available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The unit will be auto-dispatched for certain EMD codes and can be requested if you arrive on scene and feel the patient is having a stroke.

Training will begin at the end of November and we anticipate a go live date of December 17th, 2018.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your supervisors.

Sincerely,

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