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## MEMORANDUM

To: Napa County EMS System	From: Zita Konik, MD, EMS Medical Director Brian Henricksen, EMS Administrator
Date: January 6th, 2019	Re: Elimination of Obstetrical Services from St. Helena Hospital

Effective Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, Adventist Medical Center, St. Helena will no longer function as a receiving center for Obstetrical (OB) services. Due to the closure of the St. Helena Hospital's Family Birth Unit and nursery, all EMS patients needing Obstetrical care shall be transported to the closest appropriate OB receiving facility. It's important to clarify that while OB services are soon to be eliminated from St. Helena Hospital, they will continue providing Gynecological services.

In light of this new information, the Napa County EMS Agency website and protocol application will be updated with the following changes:

- 501-Patient Destination: Adds OB to Queen of the Valley Medical Centers designations. There is additional clarification on determining appropriate destination. Please see below:

### H. "Destination For Obstetrical Patients

1. A patient is considered "obstetric" if pregnancy is estimated to be twenty (20) weeks or greater.
2. Obstetric patients should be transported to a hospital with in-patient obstetrical services in the following circumstances:
  - a. Patients in labor.
  - b. Patients whose chief complaint appears to be related to the pregnancy, or who potentially have complications related to the pregnancy.
  - c. Injured patients who do not meet trauma criteria.
3. Obstetric patients with unstable conditions where imminent treatment appears necessary to preserve the mother or child's life should be transported to the nearest basic ED.
4. Stable obstetric patients should be transported to the ED of choice if their complaints are unrelated to the pregnancy."

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact your EMS representative or the EMS Agency directly.

