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**TO:** All Kern County Accredited EMS Personnel

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**SUBJECT: Hospital Destination Change**

Effective immediately, the following change to Paramedic Protocols and Ambulance Destination Decision Policies and Procedures shall become effective:

Bakersfield Heart Hospital will no longer be designated as a Primary Stroke Center. Bakersfield Heart Hospital will no longer be a specialty center for consideration of ambulance transport of patients meeting Stroke Activation Criteria.

Transportation of patients that meet the Stroke Activation Criteria shall be according to Paramedic Protocols and Ambulance Destination Decision Policies and Procedures.