

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2016
To: Pre-hospital First Responder / EMS Providers
FROM: Dr. David Goldstein, EMS Medical Director
SUBJECT: Changes to approved length-based resuscitation tool for pediatrics

In an effort to reduce errors in pediatric medication administration, and in consultation with our ALS provider agencies, the EMS Agency is officially de-authorizing the use of the Broselow Tape.

Effective **July 1, 2016**, the only approved length-based pediatric measurement tool is the PEDIATAPE (shown below) for patients less than 144cm in length or less than 37kg in weight.



The PEDIATAPE is to be used in conjunction with existing Contra Costa County EMS (CCCEMS) "Pediatric Medication Cards." The PEDIATAPE is used to determine *color* whereas the Pediatric Medication Cards are used to determine the appropriate *dose* of medication based on the PEDIATAPE color. Detailed information can be found in the [2016 Prehospital Care Manual by clicking here](#).

Questions concerning this change should be directed to Michelle Voos, Prehospital Care Coordinator, at (925) 646-4690 or via e-mail at Michelle.Voos@hsd.cccounty.us.

