



MEDICAL CONTROL DIRECTIVE 2021-17

DATE: August 31, 2021

TO: Pinellas County EMS Agencies
Pinellas County Emergency Communications
Pinellas County Certified EMTs and Paramedics
Pinellas County Certified Advanced Practice Paramedics, Nurses
Pinellas County Online Medical Control Physicians
Pinellas County Ambulance Billing and Financial Services
ED Nurse Managers

FROM: Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director 

RE: **Response Configuration Exceptions (Growth Management Update)**

Effective Date: 0800 hrs. September 1, 2021

- This Medical Control Directive supersedes Medical Control Directive 2019-11 Response Configuration Exceptions (Growth Management Implementation)
- The following Priority Dispatch Codes 17A01, 17A02, 17A03, 26A, 26O02-28 (except 26O-09 and 21 which are ALSFR Only) are designated Ambulance Only Determinants in the following EMS Districts: Clearwater, Largo, Lealman, Pinellas Suncoast, Safety Harbor, and Seminole.
- Personnel are reminded that Response Configuration Exceptions 3a and 3b in “Protocol AD2 911 Call Processing and Assignment” (Rev. March 2021) remain in effect. Specifically:
 3. When the response configuration is determined to be a single resource type (e.g., Ambulance only) the following exceptions shall apply:
 - a. If the single resource type is predicted to have a likely response time of greater than 20 minutes, the call shall immediately have an additional resource type (e.g., First Responder) assigned.
 - b. If during patient assessment or transport, the patient is determined to be Category RED, the treating Paramedic shall use best judgement as to if the best course of action is to initiate/continue transport to the nearest appropriate ED (Ref CS4) or request the assignment of additional ALS resources.

- Both Emergency Medical Dispatchers and Field Clinicians are encouraged to assign or request additional units whenever necessary.