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## EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2022-02/14

**TO:** Riverside County EMS System

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**SUBJECT:** ALS to BLS Downgrade

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On January 1, 2022, EMS System Advisory #2022-01/01 was released (found here: <http://remsa.us/documents/memos/20220101SystemAdvisorySeasonalSurgeEscalationWeek51.pdf>). In that advisory, Policy #3308 (*ALS to BLS Downgrade*) was modified and the requirement for the EMD determinant code to be either ALPHA or / OMEGA was temporarily suspended, allowing all patients to potentially be downgraded from an ALS level of care to a BLS level of care. The policy was published in a **PROVISIONAL** status with an expiration date of February 14, 2022.

After review, the status of Policy #3308 will remain **PROVISIONAL**, with a new expiration date of May 23, 2022. At that time, the Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC) will evaluate the efficacy of the policy and decide if the suspension of determinate codes should remain permanent or if the policy should revert back to its previous version.

To all EMS Educators: please be sure to use the revised REMSA education video (found here: [http://remsa.us/documents/programs/education/2022\\_SPRING\\_PUC\\_REMSA\\_POLICY\\_UPDATES\\_CQI\\_REVISED\\_2022FEB14.mp4](http://remsa.us/documents/programs/education/2022_SPRING_PUC_REMSA_POLICY_UPDATES_CQI_REVISED_2022FEB14.mp4)) during your Spring 2022 PUC meetings, which provides clarification on the extended expiration date of **PROVISIONAL** Policy #3308.

If you have general questions, please contact the EMS Agency at (951) 358-5029, or for an urgent matter, the REMSA Duty Officer at (951) 712-3342.

