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Date: June 27, 2011
To: EMS Providers
From: Marianne Wyshock, BSN
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Subject: PA Statewide and Regional BLS Protocol Update for July 1, 2011

The PA Statewide ALS & BLS Protocols have been updated for July 1, 2011. All EMS personnel need to be updated immediately on the State and Regional changes that take effect no later than July 1, 2011.

EMS Providers may start using the 2011 Statewide Protocols upon education of the new protocols, however, all providers must be using them no later than July 1, 2011 as they are now the new standard of care. As you are aware, the Statewide BLS protocols also apply to the BLS-level of care administered by ALS practitioners. If any issues are not identified in the ALS Protocols, then ALS is governed by the BLS Protocols.

Please note that changes in the July 2011 Statewide Protocols are identified in yellow highlight and there are Continuing Education programs 005621- BLS Protocol Update and 005622- ALS Protocol Update available on the Learning Management System. All ALS personnel are responsible to complete education in both ALS & BLS Updates. Regional changes and the Pediatric Transport Guidelines will not be included in the LMS but must be reviewed separately.

EMS Providers are responsible to review several ALS and BLS Regional attachments. They include the BLS Protocol Reminders and the State's Pediatric Transport Guidelines which are attached to the beginning of the Statewide BLS Protocols. EMSNP's Minimum Drug List, Regional Option Page, and ALS/BLS Protocol Reminders are located in the beginning of the Statewide ALS Protocols. The Interfacility Transport Guidelines and our regional Diversion Protocol and By-Pass Policy remain listed separately on the Policy Protocol web page, they have not been revised.

Finally, please note that MAST is no longer in the scope of practice and although MAST appears in BLS Protocol 602 Multisystem Trauma or Traumatic Shock as "may be used for splinting", it should have been deleted in the protocol.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact EMSNP.