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To: All ALS Service Personnel & ALS Medical Directors
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Subject: Revised Regional Addendum to the Statewide ALS Protocols

EMSNP has made two (2) revisions to the Regional Addendum to the Statewide ALS Protocols. You will find the changes highlighted on Page 3, titled EMSNP Options and page 13 of the Interfacility Transport Protocol-Medication & Solution List. All medical command and ALS personnel in the EMSNP region must review these changes.

Post Resuscitative Care Option

The change noted on page 3 refers a **Possible Medical Command order** for Cold (4° C) NSS in Protocol 3080- Post resuscitation Care. EMSNP approves ALS to initiate therapeutic hypothermia-cold (4° C) NSS bolus of 20-30 mL/kg, if available, per medical command orders.

An ALS service wishing to make this option available, must carry a proper chilling device to maintain the bags of Normal Saline within the target temperature range. The patient must be transported to a receiving facility that is capable of therapeutic hypothermia. In a recent survey completed in November 2009, Geisinger Wyoming Valley, CMC, Mercy Scranton and Moses Taylor Hospital are capable receiving facilities for therapeutic hypothermia in this region.

If an ALS service is going to this treatment available, the ALS service medical director must first approve/sign-off that their ALS personnel have been properly trained on the criteria and procedure together with completing the LMS -Therapeutic Hypothermia Course #001381. The ALS medical director must submit the sign-off of trained ALS personnel and identify the chilling device to EMSNP for their approval. During any EMS inspection of the ALS vehicle, this device will be checked.

Interfacility Transport-Medication & Solution List

Interfacility transport medication/solution list has been updated on page 13. As you are aware, these medications/solutions may only be supplied by the transferring facility to effectuate the transfer. The ALS service can not carry them as a part of their medication box. In addition, all medications given by continuous infusions must be regulated by an infusion pump with exception of IV electrolyte solutions with potassium concentrations of no more than 20 mEq/L.

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