RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: December 4, 2019
Subject: Amendments to Critical Care Transport Scope of Practice and Medication List
VTR#: 1219-03 Committee/Task Force: Critical Care Transport Task Force

☑ Recommended Goal □ Recommended Policy Change □ Other:

**Recommendation:**
The Department of Health should make the following changes to the critical care transport scope of practice and medication list.

**Rationale [Background]:**

Approved CCT Medication List:

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<th>Levetiracetam (Kepra)</th>
<th>Add Footnote #4*</th>
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<td>Norepinephrine</td>
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<td>Phenylephrine</td>
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* Footnote #4 permits the monitoring of medications by a credentialed, expanded scope paramedic outside of the presence of a PHRN or higher when functioning on a licensed critical care ground ambulance.

Ground Critical Care Transport Scope of Practice

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<th>Remove:</th>
<th>“Chest tube thoracostomy, monitoring after acute Insertion”</th>
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<td>Add:</td>
<td>“Ventilators, transport – used in multimodal settings, blended gas transport ventilator on patients ventilated &lt;48 hours or anticipated need to actively titrate ventilator settings”</td>
<td>This statement appears in the air ambulance scope of practice document, however it appears to have been unintentionally omitted from the ground CCT transport scope of practice.</td>
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** Footnote #2 permits the monitoring/initiation of a therapy by a credentialed, expanded scope paramedic in the presence of a PHRN or higher when functioning on a licensed critical care ground ambulance.
Medical Review [Concerns]:

Reviewed by the PEHSC MAC, who concurred with recommendations of the Critical Care Transport Task Force.

Fiscal Concerns:
n/a

Educational Concerns:

Any needed education will be provided by or at the direction of the critical care ground transport agency medical director.

Plan of Implementation:

The Department should publish the recommended changes with the next scheduled document update in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and consider publishing an RC Memo and/or EMS Information Bulletin highlighting these and any other changes to the medication and scope of practice list(s).

The PEHSC Committee/Task Force offers consultation to the Department in regard to the content of this Vote to Recommend (VTR) and its attached documents. The PEHSC Committee/Task Force specifically offers staff or member support to participate in Department deliberations regarding this recommendation in an effort to convey committee/task force discussions.

Board Meeting Comments/Concerns:

Signed: ___________________________ Date: 12-4-19
President

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Accept: ___ Table: ___ Modify: ___ Reject: ___

Comments: _______________________

Date of Department Response: ________________