

# PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

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## RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Subject: Removal of ALS fields on QRS PCR Sample Form.

VTR#: 1212-02

Committee/Task Force: EMS Information Task Force

Recommended Goal

Recommended Policy Change

Other:

### **Recommendation:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health should modify the sample QRS patient care report form distributed with the Overview of QRS Manual by removing all fields specific to the provision of advanced life support (ALS) level care.

### **Rationale [Background]:**

The current regulations do not allow a QRS agency to perform care at an advanced life support level. The current regulations relating to QRS level of care are:

*§ 1015.1. Quick response service, Section (a) Criteria. An applicant for recognition as a QRS shall file an application in which it shall commit to the following to receive Department recognition as a QRS:*

*(5) The applicant shall provide EMS in compliance with regional medical treatment protocols and the Statewide BLS medical treatment protocols.*

With ALS not being within the current scope of practice of a QRS agency, the committee feels ALS specific fields should be removed from the sample QRS patient care form to avoid scope of practice confusion by providers on a QRS unit. ALS specific fields on the QRS patient care form could potentially result in inaccurate reporting of ALS procedures by QRS personnel.

Following the enactment of the new rules and regulations for Act 37, the EMS Information Task Force will review the PCR reporting requirements for QRS and other licensed agencies.

### **Medical Review [Concerns]:**

Physician representation is present on the EMS Information Task Force and offered their support of this recommendation. No impact on the provision of medical direction is anticipated.

### **Fiscal Concerns:**

The proposed VTR carries no financial impact to the Department. If a regional EMS council or QRS agency currently has forms printed with ALS specific fields they should continue to use them and modify all future printings to remove ALS specific fields.

**Educational Concerns:**

No educational concerns exist.

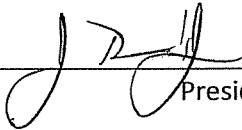
**Plan of Implementation:**

Upon acceptance of this recommendation, the Department of Health should edit the sample patient care form published in the QRS Manual to remove all fields related to ALS procedures. The form should then be redistributed to the regional EMS Councils for dissemination to the QRS agencies.

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:**

It was noted, there is no need to destroy existing forms if already copied at the service level.

Signed:  Date 12/27/12  
President

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