



EMS Information Bulletin 2019-04

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SUBJECT: 2019 PA DOH Statewide Protocol Update

TO: Regional EMS Councils
PA EMS Agencies & Providers

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is pleased to announce the release of the 2019 PA Department of Health Statewide Protocols via the department's website. Additionally, on June 29, 2019 the PA Bulletin will publish the updated Scope of Practice, Air Scope of Practice, Critical Care Transport (CCT) Scope of Practice, Required Equipment, and the Medication lists. These will be hyperlinked to the website effective July 1, 2019.

Additionally, the PowerPoint and Lesson Plans for the BLS and ALS updates are under development. Once they are finalized they will be released to regional councils for distribution to agency medical directors to conduct in person trainings. Both BLS and ALS educational updates will be released to TRAIN PA as soon as they are available.

Please note that these protocols will be in effect starting September 1, 2019. All providers are required to complete the protocol update course prior to this date. Once this training is complete, the EMS Agency Medical Director may authorize the use of these protocols prior to September 1.

Delivery of the training is at the discretion of the EMS Agency Medical Director through one of the following methods:

- In person presentation of the educational sessions;
- A designee from the EMS Agency to conduct the educational sessions;
- or
- Accept the pending LMS program version as course completion for those unable to attend an in-person training.

EMS Providers should contact their EMS Agency Medical Director for information relating to the educational presentations and authorization prior to implementation.