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Regional Communications Directors:

Priority Dispatch released version 13 of the Emergency Medical Dispatch program. After review of the changes and the update of specific cards, the Emergency Health Service Federation will adopt the version 13 card set at the PSAP's earliest convenience but not to exceed an implementation date of 01 April 2016.

It is noteworthy to mention the **stroke treatment time window will remain three hours**. Also, the **Aspirin Diagnostic Tool is now approved** for use in the EHSF region.

Please review the enclosed document displaying all response levels for each code and ensure your communications center is dispatching appropriately.

Below you will find specific adjustments and determinations to responses as approved:

- 7-A-1 = class 2 response
- 9-Q-1 = class 3 response
- 10-A-1 = class 2 response
- 14-D-3 = class 3 response
- 14-B-2 = class 3 response
- 24-A-1 = class 2 response
- 24-Q-1 = class 2 response
- 26-C-3 = class 3 response
- 26-Q-2-28 = class 3 response
- 27-B-3 = class 1 response
- 27-B-5 = class 3 response
- 29-B-4 = class 3 response
- 31-A-2 = class 2 response
- 32-B-2 = class 3 response

Below you will find a list of medical control authorizations as found throughout the card set and approved for use within the region. Enclosed you will find stickers to adhere to the appropriate cards.

Card 9: Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest / Death

Obvious Death (B-1, D-2) – I authorize:

- a – cold and stiff in a warm environment
- b – decapitation
- c – decomposition
- d – incineration
- e – non-recent death

Cardiac Arrest Pathway – I authorize:

- C Only – continuous compressions

Card 14: Drowning / Near Drowning / Diving / Scuba Accident

Obvious Death (Submersion  $\geq$  6 hrs) – I authorize:

- Submersion ( $\geq$  6 hrs)

Card 18: Headache

Stroke Treatment Time Window – I authorize “T” to be 3 hours.

Card 23: Overdose / Poisoning (Ingestion)

Omega response for 23-Ω-1 – I authorize the connection to the poison control center.

Card 24: Pregnancy / Childbirth / Miscarriage

High Risk Complication – I authorize:

- Premature birth (24-36 weeks)
- Multiple birth (≥ 24 weeks)
- Bleeding disorder
- Blood thinners
- Cervical cerclage (stitch)
- Placenta abruption
- Placenta previa
- Abnormal vital signs
- Severe hemorrhage
- Prolapsed cord
- Hypotension
- Preeclampsia
- Breech
- Ectopic pregnancy

I do not authorize the omega referral. The omega level will be dispatched as a class 2.

Card 28: Stroke (CVA) / Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)

Stroke Treatment Time Window – I authorize “T” to be 3 hours.

Respectfully,



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