

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMS Information Bulletin 2011-004

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SUBJECT:

Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) Statewide Protocols

Implementation

TO:

EMS Agencies

EMS Providers

FROM:

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The Bureau of EMS recently released updated versions of the Statewide ALS and BLS Protocols. The Protocols were developed with input from many of Pennsylvania's EMS Stakeholders and were unanimously approved at a meeting of the Commonwealth's Regional EMS Medical Directors.

The 2011 Statewide EMS Protocols may be used by EMS Providers upon education of the new Protocols; however, all Providers must be educated and using these updated ALS and BLS Protocols by the effective date of July 1, 2011. Additionally, all Protocol Update Programs must be registered through and presented by an Instructor selected by a Pennsylvania Regional EMS Council. It is highly recommended that a Regional EMS Office staff member, an EMS Agency Medical Director, or Medical Command Physician present the Protocol Update Program or be in attendance at the presentation.

The following are also available on the Learning Management System (LMS):

005621 – Statewide BLS Protocol Update 2011 = 1.5 Hours Med/Trauma for all EMS Providers.

005622 – Statewide ALS Protocols 2011 = 1.5 Hours Med/Trauma for ALS Providers only.

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