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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

EMS Information Bulletin 2017-09

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SUBJECT: 2017 Statewide protocol, scope of practice, required medications list, and required vehicle equipment and supplies list updates

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:

2017 PA Department of Health Statewide Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols, Update Course # 009110

This course is considered a core EMS registration requirement for all levels of EMS providers within their EMS registration time period. Completion of this course may be used by EMS agencies when ensuring that the agency's EMS providers have been educated to the current protocols.

NOTE: Only an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) that has completed the Naloxone Administration for EMR and EMT (CE course #007622) on the Learning Management System, may administer naloxone. The EMR and EMT should also receive psychomotor training/experience with the use of the BLS naloxone delivery device. BLS agencies (QRS or ambulance) must comply with Department of Health requirements prior to stocking and carrying naloxone, which must be overseen by the EMS agency medical director.

Additionally, electronic glucose testing meters may be carried by approved BLS agencies who have a CLIA license or certificate of waiver, for use by EMTs who have completed the Blood Glucose Monitoring for BLS (CE course #009243), and have been approved by the EMS agency medical director.

2017 PA Department of Health Statewide Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Protocols

AEMTs must complete both the Basic Life Support (BLS) Update Course # 009110, and the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Update Course # 009111, offered on TRAIN PA.

2017 PA Department of Health Statewide Advanced Life Support (ALS) Protocols, Update Course # 009111

ALS providers, above the level of an AEMT, must complete both the Basic Life Support (BLS) Update Course # 009110, and the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Update Course # 009111, offered on TRAIN PA.

This course is considered a core EMS registration requirement for all levels of EMS providers within their EMS registration time period. Completion of this course may be used by EMS agencies when ensuring that the agency's EMS providers have been educated to the current protocols.

Licensed EMS agencies at the ALS level, who have been approved by the regional EMS council and their EMS agency medical director for the use of ketamine, must comply with Department of Health requirements, and have EMS agency medical director oversite. All ALS providers participating in the program must successfully complete the Excited Delirium Protocol 2017, CE course # 009244.

Access to the PA DOH website for all current 2017 PA Department of Health Statewide Protocols, is as follows:

www.health.pa.gov > My Health > Emergency Med Services > EMS Statewide Protocol (select levels appropriate to your EMS provider certification level requirements).

The PowerPoint and Lesson Plans for all 2017 PA Department of Health Statewide Protocol Updates are being forwarded to the Regional EMS Education Coordinators for distribution to the EMS Agency Medical Directors within each specific region. Delivery of the training is at the discretion of the EMS Agency Medical Director through one of the following methods:

- Personally present the educational sessions
- Appoint a designee from the EMS Agency to conduct the educational sessions
- Accept the LMS program version as course completion

Please note that these protocols will be in effect starting 1 September 2017. All EMS providers are required to complete the protocol update course or courses prior to this date. Once this training is complete, the EMS Agency Medical Director may authorize the use of these protocols prior to 1 September 2017.

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

Access the TRAIN PA Learning Management System (https://pa.train.org), for completion of required courses.

In addition to the protocols and related educational programs, updated regulatory documents have been released and may be accessed via the PA DOH website, as follows:

www.health.pa.gov > My Health > Emergency Med Services > (select the desired document from the choices below):

·Scope of Practice for Emergency Medical Services Providers
·Approved and Required Medications Lists for Emergency Medical Services Agencies and Emergency Medical Services Providers
·Required Vehicle, Equipment, and Supplies List

Please forward any questions to your local PA Regional EMS Council.