



EMS Information Bulletin 2020-03

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SUBJECT: 2020 PA DOH AEMT Protocol Update

TO: Regional EMS Councils
PA EMS Agencies
PA EMS Providers

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is pleased to announce the release of the 2020 PA Department of Health Statewide AEMT Protocols through the department's website, www.health.pa.gov. The necessary updates to the Scope of Practice and medication lists were made previously and are available on the department's website.

PowerPoint and lesson plans for the required education have already been released to regional councils for distribution to agency medical directors. Because these protocol changes reflect a significant update and advancement of the AEMT scope of practice, along with numerous medication and procedural additions, there is no online training component. All courses for the AEMT update must be completed in person. The department has assigned course # 1000023214 in the EMS registry and has awarded four hours of continuing education (4.0 CPC).

Please note that these protocols will be in effect starting September 1, 2020. All AEMT providers are required to complete this 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 by the EMS Agency Medical Director
- OR--
- In person presentation by an EMS instructor who holds a primary certification above the level of an AEMT as approved by an EMS agency or regional medical director.

EMS agencies can contact their regional EMS councils with questions related to implementation and to obtain training materials. EMS providers with questions about implementation prior to 09/01/2020 should contact their EMS Agency Medical Director.