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MEMORANDUM

TO: NH EMS Providers

FROM: Sue Prentiss, BA, NREMT-P, Chief
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(FST & EMS)

RE: Interim Rules – 2005 HB 257 – statewide protocols

DATE: May 26, 2006

As you may know, the EMS Bureau has been working on the implementation of statewide protocols since January 2005. As this is a significant change for the EMS community, bi-monthly reports have been sent to EMS Heads of Units, hospital EMS Coordinators and Regional Chairs in an effort to keep everyone informed about the process. These reports have included information on the creation of the Commissioner's Ad Hoc Committee, the Committee's recommendations to eliminate "local option" protocols and the legislative effort that followed. Now I am reaching out directly to you so that each EMS Provider is fully informed on this situation.

In order to operationalize a system of statewide protocols, changes to the Administrative Rules (Saf-C 5900) are required. The elimination of "local option" must be addressed specific to the authority and protection for protocols, education and training programs, advanced life support equipment and quality management. Currently, we are operating with a system of "Interim Rules", which are valid for six months, in the meantime the process of "Permanent Rule" making has started. "Permanent Rule" making includes a period for public hearings/comments. Dates and times for the public hearings will be brought to your attention as they are scheduled.

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As of this date, here are the key points you need to know:

- Protocols are now statewide.
- Three protocols require “prerequisites” (RSI, EMT-I Intubation, and Vaccinations). Prerequisites are defined in RSA 153-A:2 “XVI-a. "Prerequisite means the education or demonstrated proficiency required as a prior condition to performing select skills or procedures contained in the standardized protocols issued by the emergency medical services medical control board.” Administrative Rule contains the educational elements and skill proficiency required by the Medical Control Board (MCB) and the Bureau of EMS has developed a process for the maintenance of the prerequisites. These prerequisites must be applied for by an EMS Unit.
- Previously, skills, therapies, and/or modalities not contained in the Department of Transportation (DOT) EMS curricula received their authority through “local option” at the Medical Resource Hospital (MRH) level. As local option has been eliminated, these skills will be maintained through required educational modules as developed by the Bureau of EMS. These “transition” modules are now to be included in each EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic initial training, and during the refresher training period.
- Implementation options for the transition modules include: free-standing “transition” courses, integration into regular monthly training, or inclusion in refresher programs. For initial certification, module completion will be enforced as of August 1, 2006. For certification renewal, module completion will be required at the time of your next refresher training/recertification. By March 31, 2008, all providers currently in the system must be updated.

Transition Module Breakdown

<i>EMT Basic</i>	<i>EMT-Intermediate</i>	<i>EMT-Paramedic</i>
Advanced Spinal Assessment	All EMT-B Modules	Advanced Spinal Assessment
ASA	EMT-I Pharmacology	Blind Insertion Airways
Anaphylaxis	EMT-I Cardiology	Blood Glucose Monitoring
Blind Insertion Airways	LMA	CPAP
Blood Glucose Monitoring		Cyanide Kit
Cyanide Kit		LMA
ECG Lead Placement		Mark-1 Kit
Mark-1 Kit		Cricothyrotomy
Trach Maintenance		

- There will be a required protocol exam for initial and re-licensure of EMS providers at the EMT-Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic levels. This exam will be available through the TEMSIS Knowledgebase System and can be completed on-line from anywhere in the state (instructions attached). For initial applicants, the protocol examination must be completed on or after August 1, 2006. For those renewing licensure, the examination must be completed at the time of your license renewal.

The Head of your EMS Unit has been sent a copy of the interim rules. We will have the document available on our web site shortly. Please do not hesitate to call with questions, comments and/or concerns that you may have (603) 271-4568.

Bureau web site address: www.state.nh.us/safety/ems

Please continue to look to the Head of your EMS Unit as well as our website for the most updated information regarding this process.

NHBEMS PROTOCOL EXAM INSTRUCTIONS:

FOR CURRENTLY LICENSED PROVIDERS

1. Log in to TEMSIS
2. Click on Knowledgebase
3. Click on your level of licensure
4. Take test

TEMSIS will record your grade

FOR NEW USERS (in process of licensure)

1. Log in to TEMSIS at www.nhtemsis.org

Username: "applicant"

Password: "applicant"

2. Click on Knowledgebase
3. Click on your level of certification
4. Take Test
5. Once successfully completed, print out certificate at the end of the test and attach it to your completed application – submit to the Bureau of EMS for licensure.