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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

**FROM:** Tarmo Uukkivi  
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**RE:** **Initiation of ALS PCS and Equipment Standards Update**

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In 2015, the Emergency Health Services Branch (EHSB) published Version 3.3 of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)* and Version 2.3 of the *Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services*, both which come into force on February 1, 2016. Based on alignment considerations, such as the recent release of the American Heart Association 2015 Guidelines, as well as identified maintenance cycles, further revisions are now indicated.

In accordance with the *Living Standard Project – Paramedic Practice Documents – Communication Plan*, please accept this as notification that a full update is now underway for both standards. Working Group representatives include:

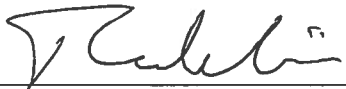
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Please contact your Working Group representative if you have any suggestions or feedback regarding the update to these documents.

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