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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

FROM: Tarmo Uukkivi
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RE: Certification Standard Update

In the last release of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)*, version 3.3, Appendix 6 - Provincial Maintenance of Certification Policy remained unchanged. A considerable amount of review and deliberation however has been underway for quite some time to update the content of this Appendix so that it reflects current practices and processes. The title of the Appendix has also been updated to the Certification Standard.

In accordance with the *Living Standard Project – Paramedic Practice Documents – Communication Plan*, please accept this as notification that we have begun the process of circulating the first draft of the document internally and will be sharing it with the external Working Group very shortly. The external Working Group representatives include:

- Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs – Peter Dundas
- Ontario Base Hospital Group-Executive Committee – Tim Dodd
- Ontario Base Hospital Group-Medical Advisory Committee – Dr. Rick Verbeek
- Toronto Paramedic Services – Garrie Wright
- Ornge – Richard Yelle

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