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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

FROM: Chris Georgakopoulos
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RE: Paramedic Practice Documents

The ministry is committed to ensuring the provision of high quality pre-hospital emergency health services to Ontarians. As part of this commitment, significant work has been undertaken to revise paramedic practice documents (*e.g.* standards, manuals/guides, training bulletins) so that they are evidence-based and up-to-date.

Beginning in late 2016 and through 2017, various updates to paramedic practice documents will come into force, as outlined in the table below.

Paramedic Practice Document	In Force As Of*
<i>Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 3.3 • Version 3.4 • Version 4.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • February 1, 2017 • July 17, 2017
<i>Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards (BLS PCS)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.0 (including amendments made through various training bullets, <i>e.g.</i> <i>Training Bulletin No. 108 - DNR Standard</i>) • STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol (amendment made through <i>Training Bulletin No. 118 - STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol</i>) • Version 3.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • February 1, 2017 • December 11, 2017
<i>Ontario Ambulance Documentation Standards (supplemented by <i>Ambulance Call Report Completion Manual - v3.0</i>)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.1 • Version 3.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • April 1, 2017
<i>Prehospital CTAS Paramedic Guide</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 1.0 (CTAS Participant Package) • Version 2.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • December 1, 2016

Paramedic Practice Document	In Force As Of*
<i>Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services (Equipment Standards)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Version 2.3• Version 3.0• Version 3.1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently in force• July 17, 2017• December 11, 2017

*once a new version of a standard comes into force, it replaces the existing in force version.

To promote the successful implementation of upcoming revisions to paramedic practice documents as of the in force dates, engagement opportunities will be offered by the ministry, including informational webinars and presentations to stakeholders.

I wish to once again thank all working group members who participated in recent updates to the paramedic practice documents. Moving forward, future revisions will be made in accordance with the *Living Standard Project*.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming in force dates, please contact your local EHSB Field Office. If you have any questions regarding the *Living Standard Project*, please contact Mr. Corey Freedman at corey.freedman@ontario.ca.


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