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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

FROM: **Steven Haddad**
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RE: **Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards,**
version 4.6

I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS), version 4.6.

Pursuant to clause 11(b) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act*, each ambulance service operator and every paramedic shall ensure that patient care is provided in accordance with the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

Revisions to these standards have involved collaboration among the branch, the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, the Ontario Base Hospital Group Medical Advisory Committee, Toronto Paramedic Services and Ornge.

Version 4.6 of the ALS PCS represents a “partial update” as per the *Living Document Framework* and comes into force as of **September 3, 2019**. The standard, along with a complete Summary of Changes, are enclosed.

Please note, there is no change to current paramedic practice, no operational impact and no additional costs associated with the publication of this update.

Please ensure that your personnel are informed of, and become familiar with, the changes.

Please refer to the Document Control Matrix of the ALS PCS for further versioning history.

If you have any questions regarding the ALS PCS, please contact ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca.

Regards,

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Steven Haddad

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