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To: All EMS Agencies

From: Jeremy T. Cushman, MD, MS, EMT-P 
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Re: Advisory 12-03: 2012 Protocol Update

The 2012 Regional EMS Standards of Care are now available at www.mlrems.org. Once a provider completes the requisite training, these protocols may be used immediately. *All providers must begin using the protocols by April 30, 2012.*

The following resources are available at mlrems.org to both agencies and providers:

- [The 2012 Standards of Care](#)
- [A spreadsheet outlining the changes to the 2012 Standards of Care](#)
- [A medication quick reference for ALS providers](#)
- [A pharmacology presentation regarding the new medications added to the formulary](#)
- [The BLS Protocol Update and Post-Test \(for EMT-Bs and EMT-Is\)](#)
- [The ALS Protocol Update and Post-Test \(for EMT-CCs and EMT-Ps\)](#)

BLS Providers (EMT-B/EMT-I): All EMT-B and EMT-I providers must review the protocol changes and are strongly encouraged, but not required, to complete the protocol update training which is available on-line at mlrems.org. The protocol update follows a self-study, web-based, video-on-demand format. After reviewing the protocols and viewing the updates, EMT-Bs and EMT-Is may complete the BLS Protocol & Policy Post-Test. Agencies have the authority to require this Post-Test for their EMT-B/EMT-Is. Following satisfactory post-test completion, with a score of 80% or higher, EMT-B and EMT-I providers may receive 0.5 hr of CME. In the event an EMT-B/EMT-I does not achieve a score of 80% or higher, any remediation/action is left to the discretion of the agency. The Post-Test cannot be accessed/submitted more than twice in a 24 hour period. This is to encourage the provider to review the update material again before attempting to re-take the Post-Test. All EMT-B and EMT-I providers are expected to be familiar with, and begin using the protocols no later than April 30, 2012.

ALS Providers (EMT-CC/EMT-P): All EMT-CC or higher providers in the region *must* complete the protocol update training which is available on-line at mlrems.org. The protocol update follows a self-study, web-based, video-on-demand format. It is the agency's responsibility to track compliance with this requirement. After reviewing the protocols and viewing the updates, ALS providers *MUST* complete the ALS Protocol & Policy Post-Test, with



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a minimum score of 80%, by April 30, 2012. Following satisfactory post-test completion, EMT-CC and EMT-P providers may receive 1.0 hr of CME. In the event an EMT-CC/EMT-P does not achieve a score of 80% or higher, the provider has until April 30, 2012 to achieve the minimum passing score before regional action will be considered. The Post-Test cannot be accessed/submitted more than twice in a 24 hour period. This is to encourage the provider to review the update material again before attempting to re-take the Post-Test. All EMT-CC and EMT-P providers are expected have completed the training, and begin using the protocols no later than April 30, 2012.

MLREMS Preceptors (EMT-CC/EMT-P): All MLREMS approved preceptors must follow the same guidelines as ALS Providers; however, Preceptors must achieve a minimum score of 85% on the ALS Protocol & Policy Post-Test. To confirm that you are a MLREMS approved preceptor, please review the list of preceptors that is located [here](#). In the event a MLREMS Preceptor does not achieve a score of 85% or higher, the preceptor will have until April 30, 2012 to achieve the minimum passing score before regional action will be considered. The Post-Test cannot be accessed more than twice in a 24 hour period. This is to encourage the preceptor to review the update material again before attempting to re-take the Post-Test.

As you will note, EMT-CCs are required to take and pass the same test as the EMT-Ps. This is to assure that EMT-CCs are familiar with the protocols at the EMT-P level in order to identify when/if a patient could benefit from the higher level of care an EMT-P can provide.

Agencies should keep the CME certificate in the member's agency training file demonstrating satisfactory completion.

With questions, please contact the Regional Program Agency.