



BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## **EMS Information Bulletin 2011-002**

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**SUBJECT:** Implementation of Updated ALS/BLS Statewide Protocols

**TO:** EMS Agencies  
EMS Providers

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The Bureau of EMS, is implementing updated versions of the Statewide ALS and BLS Protocols. New sections of the protocols that correspond to these 2011 updates are identified with yellow highlighting and deleted sections are identified by a line striking through the deleted text. These will assist EMS providers in locating changes. These protocols were developed with input from many of Pennsylvania's EMS stakeholders, and they were unanimously approved at a meeting of the Commonwealth's Regional EMS Medical Directors.

The 2011 Statewide EMS Protocols may be used by EMS providers as soon as the provider has been educated on the new protocols, but all providers must be using these protocols by the effective date of July 1, 2011. Several resources will be available to assist ALS providers in becoming familiar with the protocol updates. These include an in-service presentation that will be available to Regional Councils and EMS Agencies and educational information on the Learning Management System (LMS) after March 15, 2011.

Attachments