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SUBJECT: Statewide ALS Protocol Update

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Providers/ Agencies

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The department is committed to providing Pennsylvania's EMS providers with the most up-to-date protocols. On April 7, 2018 the Bureau of EMS published the 2018 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Protocols, which can be found on the department's website. The 2018 ALS Protocols contain minor revisions to the 2017 biannual updates, and as such there is no department required training through the online learning management system. The 2018 version contains updates to provide non-opioid options for the management of pain in both trauma (Musculoskeletal Trauma protocol #6003) and medical (Nontraumatic Pain Management protocol #7003). These protocol updates are published in conjunction with an update to the state approved medication list, which contains two additional pain medications that are options for ALS services.

ALS agencies may begin to use these new/updated protocols as soon as their providers have been educated on the changes by their respective agencies, but all ALS providers must utilize these protocols by July 1, 2018. Please note that the remaining ALS protocols remain unchanged from the version released on June 10, 2017.

Comments should be directed to the Commonwealth EMS Medical Director, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, Room 606, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120.