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SUBJECT: 2019 PA DOH Statewide Protocol Update
TO: Regional EMS Councils
     PA EMS Agencies & Providers
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The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is pleased to
announce the release of the 2019 PA Department of Health Statewide Protocols via the
department’s website. Additionally, on June 29, 2019 the PA Bulletin will publish the updated
Scope of Practice, Air Scope of Practice, Critical Care Transport (CCT) Scope of Practice,
Required Equipment, and the Medication lists. These will be hyperlinked to the website
effective July 1, 2019.

Additionally, the PowerPoint and Lesson Plans for the BLS and ALS updates are under
development. Once they are finalized they will be released to regional councils for distribution
to agency medical directors to conduct in person trainings. Both BLS and ALS educational
updates will be released to TRAIN PA as soon as they are available.

Please note that these protocols will be in effect starting September 1, 2019. All providers are
required to complete the protocol update course prior to this date. Once this training is complete,
the EMS Agency Medical Director may authorize the use of these protocols prior to September 1.

Delivery of the training is at the discretion of the EMS Agency Medical Director through one of
the following methods:

• In person presentation of the educational sessions;
• A designee from the EMS Agency to conduct the educational sessions;
  or
• Accept the pending LMS program version as course completion for those unable
to attend an in-person training.

EMS Providers should contact their EMS Agency Medical Director for information relating to
the educational presentations and authorization prior to implementation.