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TO: All Connecticut EMS Agencies

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SUBJECT: Changes to Scope of Practice

The following changes to the Connecticut EMS provider scope of practice have, pursuant to Section 19a-179a of the Connecticut General Statutes, been approved by both the Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee and the Commissioner of Public Health. These changes, as described below, may be implemented immediately.

- Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) may utilize tourniquets to treat severe extremity hemorrhage after having completed approved training regarding their use. All future Connecticut EMR initial and refresher training is to include the use of tourniquets.
- Emergency Medical Technicians functioning as part of the proposed BLS STEMI destination determination pilot program in the Danbury – New Milford Sponsor Hospitals area may acquire and transmit 12 Lead Electrocardiograms after having received training by their sponsor hospital and in accordance with approved guidelines. This authorization may be extended or withdrawn at the termination of the pilot program.

Detailed patient care guidelines, as well as training programs for both of these initiatives have been developed and are attached to this communique.

These changes have the potential to allow for greater flexibility in treating our EMS patients. The Connecticut Office of EMS greatly appreciates the efforts of all our partners in developing these initiatives and in advancing pre-hospital care for the residents of Connecticut.

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