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To: All Connecticut EMS agencies

From: Raphael M. Barishansky 
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Re: Changes to scope of practice (CPAP)

The following change to the Connecticut EMS provider scope of practice has, 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. This change, as described below, may be implemented immediately.

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMTs) may utilize continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) to treat severe respiratory distress. Authorization for use of CPAP is contingent upon local sponsor hospital approval, completion of an approved training regarding its use, and use in compliance with sponsor hospital clinical guidelines.

The Connecticut Office of EMS greatly appreciates the efforts of all our partners in developing this initiative and in advancing prehospital care for the residents of Connecticut.



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