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To: EMS Organizations

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Re: Supraglottic airway Scope of Practice expansion

Effective immediately, through the approval of the Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee and the Commissioner of Public Health, the Connecticut EMT provider scope of practice has, pursuant to section 19a-179a of the Connecticut General Statutes been expanded to include the use of laryngeal mask style supraglottic airways and waveform end-tidal capnography. Implementation of this this expansion is only with the approval of the sponsor hospital.

The Department anticipates an updated protocol and a training program developed by the Education and Training Committee of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board. This program will be available in the "Education and Training" section of the OEMS website. All affiliated EMT level personnel should receive this training prior to the implementation of this expansion. The Mobile Intensive Care Signature Page will be updated to reflect this expanded scope of practice.

EMS instructors who have not previously been trained in these new tools should obtain proper training prior to providing training to other EMT providers.