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TO: Medical Control Authorities
Life Support Agencies

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RE: Updated MEDCOM Requirements

The attached document is the latest version of Michigan's MEDCOM Requirements. Pursuant to P.A. 368 of 1978, as amended, the EMS and Trauma Systems Section, with the advice and recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services Coordination Committee (EMSCC), reviewed and updated the MEDCOM Requirements.

Based upon the review and recommendation of the EMSCC, only one change was made to the Requirements pertaining specifically to the Emergency Facilities/Hospital Requirements.

Under the previous Requirements, **each** radio system used for EMS medical direction communication was to be configured to provide an audible output of any designated EMS communication channel or talk group at all times, at one or more continuously monitored location; and, that met coverage and other technical requirements of these rules. **The designated locations providing continuous monitoring of dedicated EMS medical direction communications must be using radio equipment that is not configured for 'scanning' or capable of manually selecting other receiver channels or talk groups.**

Under the Updated Requirements, **only a** radio system used for EMS medical direction communication was to be configured to provide an audible output of any designated EMS communication channel or talk group at all times, at one or more continuously monitored location; and, that met coverage and other technical requirements of these rules. **The designated locations providing continuous monitoring of dedicated EMS medical direction communications must be using radio equipment that is not configured for 'scanning' or capable of manually selecting other receiver channels or talk groups.**

Using the HEAR/HERN radio meets this requirement.

If you have any questions regarding the change to the MEDCOM Requirements, I would encourage you to contact Brent Williams at emsradio@core.com or by phone at 517/285-6678.