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TO: Medical Control Authorities

FROM: Robin Shivley, Manager  
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RE: State of Michigan Protocols

As you know, the Quality Assurance Task Force and our Office have been updating the State protocols for several months. It has been a long time coming, but we are proud to present the State of Michigan Protocols & Procedures for all levels.

The protocols will be available on the MDCH website at [www.michigan.gov/ems](http://www.michigan.gov/ems) under the "Inside the EMS Section, Medical Control Authorities". For your convenience, we have downloaded them on to a disc which is enclosed. These protocols and those online are in PDF format.

The disc is set up as follows: Cardiac (adult and pediatric); CBRNE; General Procedures; System Protocols; and Treatment (adult and pediatric). As most of you are aware, we have incorporated algorithms into the Cardiac and Treatment protocols. The algorithms are for the ALS level only. MCAs have a choice of adopting the narrative or algorithm format.

The following protocols have been updated:

- Cardiac Protocols – Adult and Pediatric
- Treatment Protocols – Adult and Pediatric
- Procedures – all procedures have been included for your adoption. FYI, the following procedures have been recently updated:
  - 12 Lead EKG
  - Airway/Oxygenation
  - CPAP/BiPAP Administration
  - MCA Request to Deviate Form
  - Medication Administration
  - Pain Management
  - Patient Sedation
  - Tourniquet Application
  - Vascular Access
  - Waveform Capnography
- System Protocols -- all system protocols have been included for your adoption. FYI, the following protocols have been recently updated:
  - Dead on Scene
  - Mass Casualty Incidents
  - PCR 7 Electronic Documentation & EMS Information System
  - Termination of Resuscitation

Protocols that did not go through a recent update remain in effect and are included on the disc. These protocols will be updated at a later date.

Each MCA may begin adopting the state protocols immediately. Please follow instructions on the attached form for submitting your protocols.

In addition to the protocols on the disc, in the near future you will be receiving protocols related to H1N1 Immunization and personal protection, Declaratory Ruling Regarding Transfers, and Patient Care Record, Electronic Documentation & EMS Information System, Data Protocol User Agreements.

**MCAs must submit updated protocols to the EMS and Trauma System Section. Hard copies of all protocols must be submitted by March 1, 2010.** This includes the state protocols and all additional protocols that exceed the state minimum. Instructions for submission of protocols are attached.

Please submit to Linda Nesbitt at:

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Thank you for your cooperation and patience over the past year as we have gone through the updating process. Your comments and concerns were very useful as we finalized the protocols. Please contact Linda at (517) 241-0720 or [NesbittL@michigan.gov](mailto:NesbittL@michigan.gov) for assistance regarding these procedures.

Enclosures