**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All MA Licensed Ambulance Services and Accredited EMT Training Institutions

CC: EMCAB Members

FROM: Dr. Jonathan Burstein, OEMS Medical Director

RE: 2020 Statewide Treatment Protocols (STPs)

DATE: January 27, 2020

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The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (the Department) is issuing the 2020 Updated Statewide Treatment Protocols as of today.

All ambulance services are required to train their personnel in the updated protocols. The protocols may be used by a service once such training is complete, but in any event are mandatory as of April 1, 2020.

A change chart is available, and a brief summary of the updates is provided here:

1. In Routine Care, language has been added clarifying transport requirements, and expanding emergency vascular access options for paramedics.

2. A specific protocol for hyperkalemia has been added.

3. Hypertonic saline IV is now a treatment option in severe pediatric head injury.

4. A protocol for post–intubation sedation has been added.

5. Non-paramedic providers, if trained, may now acquire and transmit 12-lead ECGs (although not interpret them).

6. The pediatric reference section has been removed, as apps and length-based systems are easily available and more frequently updated than the protocol document itself.

7. The vital sign parameters in the Fireground Rehab section have been updated to match the new NFPA recommendations.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and efforts to effectively serve patients across the Commonwealth. If you have any questions on the 2020.1 STPs, please contact Patricia Reilly, RN, Clinical Coordinator, at [patricia.reilly@state.ma.us](mailto:patricia.reilly@state.ma.us), or Renee Atherton, NRP, Compliance Coordinator, at [renee.atherton@state.ma.us](mailto:renee.atherton@state.ma.us).