

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Arkansas Licensed Ambulance Services

FROM: Larry New, Regulatory Administrator

DATE: May 19, 2008

RE: Equipment List Revisions: Effective June 1, 2008

On April 24, 2008 the Arkansas State Board of Health approved recommendations from the EMS Advisory Council and Section of EMS & Trauma Systems (Section) regarding revisions to mandatory equipment list for Arkansas permitted ambulances. For your convenience, I have attached copies of revised inspection sheets. The following outlines the revisions to the mandatory inspection sheets and the procedures for submitting new protocols for the optional skill regarding adult intraosseous humerus placement:

Items **removed** from all levels of inspections sheets:

- Pocket Mask with Oxygen Port
- Simple Oxygen Face Mask
- Triangular Bandages

Items **added** to all levels of inspections sheets:

- Triage Tags/Tape- Color Coded
- Clarified Pedi and Infant Oxygen Masks
- Changed wording from “Paramedic” shears to “EMT” shears
- Required Radio Frequencies as outlined in MCI Rules & Regulations added
- Increase one Spine Board and Straps to two Spine Boards and two sets of Straps
- BP Cuff/Manometer (Infant, Child, Adult, and Large Adult) all sizes added by October 2008.

Additions to **Stretcher Ambulances** only:

- Add AED and 2 sets of defibrillation pads by October 2008

Additions to **Aircraft, Advanced Response, Intermediate and Paramedic**

- Pulse Oximetry by October 2008

- Optional-** Adult Intraosseous (humerus placement added) Must submit treatment protocol and training outline and obtain letter of approval from Section of EMS & Trauma Systems **prior to field implementation.**

Additions to **Advanced Response, Intermediate and Paramedic**

Esophageal-Tracheal Multi-Lumen Airway

Demonstrate ability to administer IM, SQ, and IV Piggy Back if 18 gauge needles are not carried on ambulance.

Additions to **Optional Medication List**

Monitoring of blood or blood products

Injectable Cardiac- Thrombolytic Medications- updated reporting requirements and dates.

Additions to **Advance Response** only:

Oxygen supply- must be able to supply oxygen at 15 LPM for a period of 20 minutes.

Please submit updated protocols related to humerus intraosseous (optional skill) to the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems at the following address:

Section of EMS & Trauma Systems
5800 West 10th St. Suite 800
Little Rock, AR 72204-1763

The above revisions are effective June 1, 2008 unless otherwise stated on inspection sheets. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 501-661-2262. You may obtain additional copies of inspections sheets from www.healthyarkansas.com/ems

Attachments: Mandatory Equipment List- All Levels
Required & Optional Medication List for Advanced Services