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MEMO

To: All EMS Agencies
From: Jennifer L. Paddock, Director
Division of EMS and Trauma
Date: January 24, 2012

RE: Standing Orders

In an effort to ensure accuracy of our provider files, particular focus is being devoted to Regulation 61-7, Section 402.D.

To assist the Department in this endeavor, it is mandated that all agencies submit one of the following two items no later than the close of business on February 29, 2012:

- A. A copy of your agency's latest version of protocols, accompanied by a cover page signed and dated by your medical control physician. Each page is to be initialed indicating his or her approval of each protocol.
- B. A letter signed and dated by the medical control physician indicating approval of the current state protocols.

It is critical to note that if the state protocols have been adopted for implementation with exceptions, (i.e exclusion of needle cricothyrotomy) a signed and dated letter from the medical control physician is to be submitted indicating all applicable exclusions.

If the state protocols have been adopted, it is not necessary for the medical control physician to initial each page, nor will it be necessary to submit a copy of the protocols with the above referenced letter.

Only electronic submissions shall be accepted and are to be addressed to David Elliott at ElliotCD@dhec.sc.gov

Thank you for your cooperation and please feel free to contact David Elliott or Henry Lewis at 803-545-4204 with any questions or concerns.