



EMS Information Bulletin 2021-06

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SUBJECT: Draft 2021 Statewide EMS Protocols

TO: PA EMS Providers
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The Department of Health is excited to announce that we are nearing the completion of the 2021 EMS protocol revision process.

The protocol revision process which is undertaken in collaboration with the state medical advisory committee and the regional EMS medical directors began in August of 2019 with a stakeholder survey soliciting proposed revisions to the statewide EMS protocols.

With that process nearly complete the Department is publishing a proposed draft of the 2021 protocols in order to give EMS system stakeholders an additional opportunity to review the proposed changes.

The proposed statewide EMS protocols have been published to the following links and will remain posted through Sunday June 6, 2021.

[Proposed DRAFT 2021 BLS Protocols](#)

[Proposed DRAFT 2021 ALS Protocols](#)

Individuals with proposed changes should submit them to the Department via email at paemsoffice@pa.gov

For changes to be considered at this point of the process, they must be supported by clinical evidence. Supporting medical literature must be submitted with any proposed change in order to be considered for inclusion in the 2021 protocol update. Additionally, changes which are grammatical or editorial in nature will also be considered.