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WVOEMS Protocol Submission Policy
Version 1.0 07/21/2017

In compliance with Legislative Rule 64 CSR48 9.1.b.2 WVOEMS Protocol Submission Policy Version 1.0 07/21/2017 is hereby submitted for a thirty-day public comment period from August 21, 2017 through September 19, 2017.

This policy creates a standardized way to request protocol changes, revisions, implementations, etc. The policy requires that providers put forth some effort in requesting protocols and provides a standardized format in doing so. In addition, the process will require a squad medical director to review the request as well as EMSAC prior to submission to MPCC for final approval. Successful approvals will then be implemented each January unless an immediate need is identified that impacts patient outcomes. This policy was recommended by EMSAC and approved by MPCC.

All comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM September 19, 2017 to:

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Please indicate WVOEMS Protocol Submission Policy in the subject line.

9.1.b.2. Whenever any changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1 are proposed, a notice of the proposal will be electronically mailed to each EMS Agency and the full text of proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure, will be published on the OEMS website. Notice of the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1, is subject to a thirty (30) day public comment period prior to their being effective. However, the MPCC may waive the public comment period when it finds that exigent circumstances exist and that the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure must be implemented immediately to ensure patient safety.