




EMS Information Bulletin 2023-25

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SUBJECT: Release of Revised 2023 Statewide Protocol Update

TO: PA Regional EMS Councils
PA EMS Agencies & Providers
PA EMS Agency Medical Directors
PA Medical Command Physicians

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is pleased to announce the release of the revised 2023 PA Department of Health Statewide Protocols (v1.2), via the Department's website at [Regulations \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/regulations). Please ensure you are using the most recent version of the 2023 Statewide Protocols.

The 2023 protocols will be in effect March 31, 2024. All providers, Medical Command Physicians and Agency Medical Directors are required to complete the protocol update courses prior to this date. Once the training is complete, the EMS Agency Medical Director may authorize the use of these protocols prior to March 31, 2024.

Additionally, on December 30, 2023, the PA Bulletin will publish the updated Scope of Practice, Required Equipment, and Medication Lists.

The updated educational course for the BLS, IALS and ALS protocols will be released to TRAIN-PA on January 5, 2024. If you have completed the previously released 2023 protocol educational update course, you will only need to complete a short bridge course which addresses the revisions.

The Department would like to thank the state EMS medical director, Dr. Dan Bledsoe, the Medical Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council

(PEHSC), and the many Regional Stakeholders for their commitment and dedication to advancing EMS care in the Commonwealth.

EMS providers who are unable to complete the training on TRAIN-PA should contact their Agency Medical Director. A PowerPoint and lesson plan will be available for in person training.